

THE CLEAN-UP DAY MEANS MUCH TO ALL

Tuesday afternoon the Civics Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the Woman's Club met in the Chamber of Commerce rooms to perfect the arrangements for Clean-Up Day, Tuesday, March 29.

Dr. T. V. Miller, chairman of the Board of Health, represented both the American Legion and the Board of Aldermen. His advice on the subject of sanitation is the highest in Southeast Missouri owing to his war experience, and it will be to him that the Civic Committees of both bodies will turn for advice in their endeavors to make Sikeston a more healthy place in which to live.

Mrs. J. C. Lescher, chairman of the Civics Committee of the Woman's Club, will divide the city off by wards and have her assistants make a house-to-house call with the Mayor's proclamation and explain to the women of the houses just what the Clean-Up Day means in order to get their hearty co-operation. In the residence section of the city it is expected to have all tin cans and rubbish of all kinds put in receptacles ready to be hauled away on that day. To use time in the outhouses, around the kitchen doors and other places that may breed disease and be breeding places for flies.

The committee from the Chamber of Commerce will meet at the room this morning, Friday, at 9 o'clock and make an inspection of conditions in the rear of restaurants, stores, hitching lots and alleys and then try to have conditions changed voluntarily, or report same to Board of Health with request that parties be forced to keep premises in a more sanitary condition.

Some of the most unsightly and disgusting spots of the city are right in the heart of the business district and should be made sweet and healthy.

Every truck and wagon in the city should be placed at the disposal of the committee for the full afternoon that all refuse may be hauled away without delay. Advise The Standard office of this request that assignments may be made to the different wards without confusion.

The Mayor has issued a proclamation calling on the public to assist in this work and asking that business houses be closed from 12 noon until 4 o'clock in order that the employees may lend a hand.

This Clean-Up Day may be the means of destroying pest holes in the city that may prevent the loss of life, therefore everyone should be interested in starting the summer season with clean premises. Let's all do our duty in this work, and start today.

U. S. POPULATION DENSITY 35.5 PERSONS PER MILE

Washington, March 21.—The average density of population throughout the United States, exclusive of outlying possessions, was 35.5 persons per square mile of land area in 1920, as against 30.9 in 1910, the Census Bureau announced today.

The density in the individual states in 1920 ranged from seven-tenths of one per square mile in Nevada to 566.4 in Rhode Island, the bureau announced. It exceeded 200 per square mile in five states, Rhode Island, with 564; Massachusetts, 479.2; New Jersey, 420; Connecticut, 286.4, and New York, 217.9.

The density figures for other states were Alabama, 45.8; Arizona, 2.9; Arkansas, 33.4; California, 22; Colorado, 9.1; Delaware, 113.5; District of Columbia, 7,292.9; Florida, 17.7; Georgia, 49.3; Idaho, 5.2; Illinois, 115.7; Indiana, 81.3; Iowa, 43.2; Kansas, 21.6; Kentucky, 60.1; Louisiana, 39.6; Maine, 26.7; Maryland, 145.8; Michigan, 63.8; Minnesota, 29.05; Mississippi, 38.6; Missouri, 49.6; Montana, 4.9; Nebraska, 16.9; New Hampshire, 39.1; New Mexico, 2.9; North Carolina, 52.5; North Dakota, 9.2; Ohio, 141.4; Oklahoma, 29.2; Oregon, 8.2; Pennsylvania, 194.5; South Carolina, 55.2; South Dakota, 8.3; Tennessee, 56.1; Texas, 17.8; Utah, 5.5; Vermont, 38.6; Virginia, 57.4; Washington, 20.3; West Virginia, 60.9; Wisconsin, 47.6, and Wyoming, 2.

Mrs. W. R. Huckleby of Jacksonville, Ill., arrived Tuesday afternoon for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Anderson.

Cigarettes rolled in paper dyed delicate shades of rose, blue, green, orange and other tints to harmonize with their gowns, is the latest vogue among the women in Paris.

COMMUNITY PLAYERS ARE AFTER YOU AGAIN

The Sikeston Community Players are again actively engaged in daily and nightly rehearsal under the direction of William Triplett and will make their second appearance at the Malone Theatre, Tuesday night, March 29th, with several new faces in the cast.

The play selected for this occasion is a frolicsome comedy in three acts, entitled "Little Miss Susan" and is written, produced and presented wholly and solely for laughing purposes. The story however, is very true to life and pictures the struggles of a jolly-good-fellow to extricate himself from a situation into which, through his own high-living and thoughtlessness he finds himself.

One innocent lie leads to another and complication follows complication until finally the scope involved is tremendous. One surprise happens after another "something is doing"; fast and furious, all the time.

The title role, that of "Susan", has been entrusted to Miss Jack Albright while Messrs Sid Schilling and Paul H. Slinkard are likewise new additions to the acting coterie. Mr. W. A. Schneider will again be seen behind "burnt cork"; with Mr. and Mrs. Triplett also appearing in the cast. Others have minor parts.

An exceptionally brilliant line of specialties will be presented between the acts by a carefully selected number of Sikeston's very talented musical artists, including among others, Misses Hazel Stubbs, Fern Scott, Messrs. Tom Russell, Harry Dover, Dr. Tonelli and Master Richard Stubbs, marking the first public appearance of the "Community Male Quartette", all in addition to the full orchestra. The scale of prices remain as before. See advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

Remember our silk and georgette waist sale Monday morning from 9 to 10. Nothing reserved. All must go.—M. E. Martin.

Among the several out-of-town people who attended the show here Wednesday night were E. L. Griffin of Morehouse and Dr. Traubitz of Vanduser.

Mrs. J. H. Hess is visiting relatives in Cape Girardeau having gone up Tuesday, accompanied by Dr. Hess, who returned that afternoon on the Moose.

More and more people are getting their groceries at the Farmers Supply Co., because of the large saving being made on account of the low prices offered.

The ladies of the M. E. Church announce April 14-15-16 as the dates for their annual flower sale to be held at Albritton's Greenhouse. Don't forget the dates.

Misses Myrtle McFarling, Laura Belle McFarling, Ina Mae Moccabee, Kate Moccabee, Messrs Harold Engle, Harry Chapman, Frenzel, Rogers of Morehouse attended the show here Wednesday night.

Rufus Carter, age 58 years, died March 21 at the home of Mrs. Mollie Keith, corner of Scott and Center streets, Monday, March 21, of cancer of liver. Burial took place Tuesday afternoon in Sikeston cemetery.

J. P. O'Connell of St. Louis arrived Monday for a visit with his sister, Mrs. L. B. Adams and family.

The Caruthersville Woman's Club and Civic Association has named two of its members as candidates for membership on the Board of Education.

Misses Melvin Bowman and Ethel Decker arrived home Tuesday night from Lindenwood College, St. Charles to spend the Easter holidays with their parents. Miss Pauline French, also a student at Lindenwood, accompanied them to Sikeston and was the guest of Miss Decker until Wednesday morning, when she left for her home in Charleston.

Special work—work which will no doubt attract a large crowd of Odd Fellows, will be put on at the regular I. O. O. F. meeting to be held Tuesday evening in Odd Fellows Hall.

Membership in this fraternity is increasing rapidly, the county boasting a gain of more than 200 members within the past year. The local order will be entitled to some 25 or 30 delegates to the Southeast Missouri I. O. O. F. to be held April 26th, in Portageville. The order will celebrate the one hundred and second anniversary at the Portageville meeting.

FOR EASTER

Coats, Dresses and Suits; of Silk Underwear, Georgettes, Wash Satins and Pussy Willow, including Gowns, Bloomers, Pajamas, Teddies and Vests

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The Madam Grace Corset



To see them means convincingly and faultless. Have you ever worn one? If not, why not call and see one of the most complete lines of Corsets for Ladies and Misses. One of the main features of the Madam Grace Corset is the new Stylish Stout which gives youthful and graceful lines as well as ease and comfort. This Juvenile corset for the growing girl is conceded to be one of the best and for comfort it has no peer. You see, there is a Grace Corset for every known type of figure and every one has that wonderful power of lending beauty and of subduing defects.

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A new fitting room has been added to our department strictly private and for this special purpose. Our Corsetiere service is a matter of the selection, of exactly the model which will best suit your figure. When we fit you in a Grace Corset you may be certain that no other corset could so effectively transform your lines into just the lines you most desire.

Our Aprons which we offer at 95c are selling fast and only a few on hand, no more at this price after the lot is sold.

In shoes our grey suede pumps and oxfords arriving by every express and our bargain counters are full of attractions.



New Maxwell touring car \$750.00—Farmers Supply Co.

Farmers Supply Hardware and harness prices are always cheaper than some people have at sale prices.

Ned Tanner, Billie Smith and "Buddy" Matthews came in Wednesday night from Western Military Academy for the Easter holiday period.

Rev. G. C. Greenway, pastor of the Sikeston Baptist Church, has accepted an invitation to assist in the Special Easter Week services to be held next week at the First Baptist Church of Charleston. Rev. Greenway will have charge of the Wednesday night service.

Misses Abbie Morrison, Fleta Kizer, Dixie Fox, Honora Bailey and Eva Mae Hollister were guests of Miss Cleo Young at a "Bunkless" party given Wednesday night at her home, 203 South Kingshighway. The party of young girls "took in" the show at Malone Theatre and the dance which was given at the City Hall after the show.

Methodist Church

"Proofs in Man of the Resurrection" is the subject chosen by Rev. A. H. Barnes, pastor, for the Easter morning service. Presiding Elder Rev. H. P. Crowe, will conduct the Sunday evening service.

Lutheran Church.

Lutheran Easter Service will be held Sunday evening at the City Hall at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Otis Gentry came in Sunday from Jonesboro, Ark., for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Lou Greer.

A Duroc Jersey gilt, sold by W. H. Sikes, proprietor of Blue Ribbon Stock Farm, at the swine sale held in this city, March 8th, and which was bought by Earl Aulsten of Essex, Mo., farrowed 18 pigs. Another of the gilts bought by Lem Hamby, farrowed 10 pigs. All the pigs are alive and doing fine.

A bargain renewed 8-cylinder Oldsmobile Chummy Roadster \$1,000.00—Farmers Supply Co.

Mrs. W. A. Guess, who is in Memphis, Tenn., for special treatment, writes that her condition is somewhat improved.

Montraville Wood, who knows how to explain simply, comprehensively and entertainingly the most intricate scientific propositions, who is the inventor of more than 100 devices that brand him as a practical inventor, will be our next Lyceum entertainer. For demonstration and exhibition of the interesting features of his lecture, Prof. Wood carries more than 1000 pounds of baggage. The apparatus is scattered about the stage in such way that with one assistant he is able to hurry from one demonstration to another with no waste of time and without leaving anyone subject until it is clearly understood by the audience. This splendid number of Lyceum course is dated for Friday night April 8th.

BEST BALL TEAM FOR OLD SIKESTON

In the first practice game of the season here Sunday afternoon, Sikeston defeated a picked team composed of members of both Canolou and Morehouse by the score of 4-0. The game was played in fast time considering the earliness of the season and the condition of the players. Fans were surprised when they saw Byron Bowman behind the bat for Sikeston, as he had never been in that position before. He looked more at home behind the bat than he did at any other position all last season, which causes the fans to wonder if he will not be another Lee Bowman behind the bat. The writer has been told that Lee has played almost every position on the team with indifferent success until one day the manager being sadly in need of a good catcher, decided to put Bowman back there and Lee immediately became a star in that place. His brother Byron may do the same thing for he has the ideal build, a good arm and is even better than Lee on foul balls judging by his showing in this practice. Needless to say that he will get plenty of work there this coming season.

Old Bill Malone, who can always be depended upon to do the hardest work on the team without a grumble, hurled part of the game and then played the remainder in old position in left field, where he made a beautiful catch of a long liner. The ball looked good for at least three bases, but Malone turned and made a circus catch. Bill will do this seasons.

Malone was relieved by a pitcher named Aidelot. Little is known of this fellow, but he has some real speed and showed good form during his stay on the rubber. A little early yet but he will be given every chance to make good.

Bloomfield played first and as he had no competition he did not have to extend himself very much. Just wait until Payne's knee comes around and then the fun will start for Eli can play any position on the infield and none of the infielders feel very safe with him hanging around. There is no question about Bloomfield's fielding for any of the infielders say that he makes a good target to throw at and if he picks up in his hitting this year we won't have to worry about first base.

Belden was given a chance to perform at second, but he didn't receive any chances, so the writer will have to wait until some future time to criticize him. He played third last year, but Manager Malone decided to give him a chance at second for his arm is not strong as a third baseman's should be.

Dudley was placed at third and made a fairly good showing. He had a good day in the field but did nothing with the bat. If this fellow could only hit with the rest of the team, Sikeston would have a real star. Anyone can learn to field, but it takes the boy who can hit that old apple to win games.

A school boy named Crain is being given a trial at short. He looks good in the field, but disappointed at the bat. Of course, we must remember, he was playing without any previous practice. He is one of the fastest boys on the squad and he should make the team if he hits anything at all.

Dowdy, Brown, Malcolm and Bloomfield were given trials in the outfield. All looked good with Dowdy drawing the prize for a long wallop to center for two bags. This boy looks like a comer and should go higher in a short time. Every man will be given a fair trial and Mr. Malone has suggested to the writer that he invite anyone who even thinks he can play ball or knows anyone who can play to come out to the Fair Grounds next Sunday and work out with the boys.

A contract has been sent to Sloan and he will more than likely sign this contract before this paper is printed. He is a real star and Poplar Bluff will find that she has a hard time trying to fulfill her slogan of "Beat Sikeston", with this fellow in the box. We know how hard she tried to beat him last year and just how sick they were the next day when he relieved the Sikeston pitcher after pitching sixteen innings the day before. Indeed the Bluff has some job ahead.

Car seed oats just arrived.—Farmers Supply Co.

Mrs. Lillie McGee of Kewanee transacted business in Sikeston Thursday.

DENMAN MOVING HIS COMMITTEE WORK

The Sikeston Chamber of Commerce is going to stimulate the raising of more and better corn in this district by encouraging farmer boys to give special attention to that phase of farm activities. The production committee of the Chamber, at a meeting held Tuesday evening, decided to organize a boys' corn club in the vicinity of Sikeston and as a special inducement will give to each boy entering the club enough pure-bred seed to plant an acre. The boys can plant any variety of corn they choose and can, if they prefer, furnish their own seed.

Each applicant to enter the contest must have his application approved by his county agent and his school teacher. New Madrid county boys will get County Agent H. C. Hensley, of New Madrid, to approve their applications, and Scott County boys will get County Agent W. E. Foard, of Oran, to approve their applications. These county agents will give directions and oversee the planting, cultivating, harvesting and weighing each acre yield, and will certify the yield, quality and cost to the Chamber of Commerce. Each applicant must also promise to enter ten ears of his yield at the Southeast Missouri District Fair in Sikeston next fall.

Prizes will be offered for best yields and the boys will be given every encouragement possible to set up some new records in corn raising in the Sikeston District.

The sub-committee having the corn club in charge is composed of Theo. Hopper, D. B. Kevil, Dan McCoy and F. H. Smith.

Further information and blanks for keeping records can be obtained by calling on or addressing C. H. Denman, chairman Production Committee, Sikeston, Mo.

The Production Committee also decided to start one or two pig clubs in the near future. Detailed information concerning this will be given out later. The pig club work will be in charge of W. H. Sikes, Arnold Roth and E. A. Matthews.

The committee is going to make an effort to revive the Scott County Poultry Association, with the hope of having a poultry show in Sikeston next fall or winter, and also, if possible, a poultry show at the fair. J. J. Reiss and Marion McFarland will cooperate with local poultry fanciers in giving more encouragement to the raising of more and better fowls.—C. H. Denman.

GERMANY TO DECLINE TO PAY \$250,000,000 DUE TOMORROW

Berlin, March 22.—Germany's reply to the demand of the Entente for the payment before March 23 of 1,000,000,000 marks, gold (\$250,000,000), to apply on reparations obligations will be in the negative, it was unofficially stated today.

The allied reparations commission, in a note sent March 16, demanding fulfillment by Germany of article 235 of the peace treaty, notified the German Government that it must pay 1,000,000,000 marks, gold, before March 23, and that she must complete the payment of 20,000,000,000 marks, gold, by May 1. Germany was given until April 1 to submit a proposal to pay the balance of the 20,000,000,000 marks otherwise than in cash, having the privilege to bring forward a plan for a foreign loan, the proceeds of which should be payable to the commission. It was announced by the commission, however, that Germany had virtually refused to pay the balance, asserting that the 20,000,000,000 marks have already been paid in full. The allied representative stated that the greatest sum they could compute as having been paid by Germany against this account could hardly reach 8,000,000,000 marks by May 1.

Baptist Church.

Regular services at the Baptist church next Sunday.

Sunday School at 9:45. Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Morning subject: "The certainty and Importance of the Resurrection." Evening subject: "The New Life." Special music will be rendered by the choir.

B. Y. P. U. Jr. and Sr. meet at 6:30 p. m.

We welcome you to each of these services.

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C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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The Standard announces the following new rates for advertising effective August 1, 1920:

Display advertising, per single column inch, net25c
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Probate notices, minimum.....\$5.00

The Standard announces the following new rates for subscription effective September 1, 1920:

Yearly subscription anywhere in Scott and adjoining counties.....\$2.00
Yearly subscription elsewhere in United States.....\$2.50
No renewal allowed at present rate for longer than one year.

Foreign Advertising Representative
THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

The cold rain of Monday night and Tuesday morning was a terrible shock to the early warm and the early b. v. d's. I say it was!

Sunday, April 3, is set aside by the Chicago W. C. T. U. as a day of observance against tobacco. This sort of a campaign has been talked of for some time and it looks like things have come to a pretty pass when some he-women can start another move in an attempt to take from mere man another of his rights. If they will make the fight against women smokers, The Standard will be with them, but there's nothing doing against the he smokers.

Dr. Malone, Scott County Representative at Jefferson City, will spellbind at the Malone Theater Sunday afternoon and will tell his constituents of how he followed the lead of the caucus leaders and voted "yes" every time they held up their thumb, and "no" every time their thumb was turned down. He is a party man, though elected by Democratic votes, and that being so, there was nothing else for him to do but jump side ways when the leader cracked his whip.

The Story of Our States

By JONATHAN BRACE
II.—PENNSYLVANIA



THE second state to adopt the Constitution was Pennsylvania. Its area of 45,126 square miles is larger than the combined New England states, except Maine, with New Jersey thrown in for good measure. Its name means "Penn's Woodland" and was so named by King Charles II, who granted this territory to the Quaker, William Penn, and named it in commemoration of Penn's father, who had been a distinguished admiral and on terms of peculiar friendship and intimacy with the royal family. This grant was made in lieu of £16,000, which the king owed Admiral Penn. On this basis it originally cost about \$2 a square mile.

Pennsylvania has assumed such an important place among the states that it is often called the Keystone state. This term was probably derived originally because her name was carved on the keystone of the bridge over Rock creek, between Washington and Georgetown. Later on it was applied on account of the great importance of the state in national elections. Its delegation to congress totals 38, second only in size to that from New York, and Pennsylvania accordingly has 38 presidential electors.

William Penn first came over to America in 1682. The following year he laid out the city of Philadelphia, or "Brotherly Love," which was named after a biblical city in Asia Minor. As Pennsylvania was the only colony without a seacoast, Penn obtained from the duke of York the control of Delaware, and until the Revolution these two provinces were under the same proprietary government. Quarrels with Maryland over boundaries caused a formal survey to be made by two surveyors, Mason and Dixon, and it was this which became famous during the Civil war as the Mason and Dixon line, the dividing mark between the slave and the free states.
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Harding and the Doctors

It is not so much a question just now of what path, but of what pathic the Harding administration shall take. The appointment of Dr. Sawyer of Marion, O., to be a Brigadier-General in the army, watchful guardian of White House health and family doctor extraordinary to the American people, has started something which, allopathically speaking, is likely to result in a congressional inquiry into prescription hieroglyphics. Dr. Sawyer is a homeopathic practitioner. That is to say, he believes the only troubles a sick man has are to be found in the inadequacy of his sickness. In other words, to be strictly scientific, Dr. Sawyer effects a cure by giving his patient two cases instead of the measly, half-hearted case already presented. Now that isn't the way the allopathic fraternity works at all. The allopath believes in administering a treatment that is entirely different from this disease and as much worse than the disease as he can arrange to make it. Most of the medical men of the army are of the allopathic persuasion. They have the army's health record behind them as a pretty substantial prop in their outcry against the appointment of a homeopathic, or pacifist, practitioner. So the war is on. The Christian Scientists are hopping about gleefully on the sidelines, praying, absently and otherwise, that the worst will come and that the combatants will go to the operating table with each other before the day is done.—The Willington (N. C.) Star.

Our Army in Peace

At present there are about 520,000 in khaki. Even the men who were most strongly advocating preparedness in 1916—such men as Julius Kahn in the House and James W. Wadsworth in the Senate—regard any such standing force as excessive under present conditions. The debate as to whether the figure should be placed at 150,000 or 175,000 strikes most observers as futile. What is really needed is a "skeleton force" large enough for routine purposes, and so organized that it can be rapidly enlarged in case of emergency. The policy of Great Britain seems to be about the same. So long as these two countries have already taken a stand for limiting the size of their armies there is really no need of an international conference to discuss this subject. A land force such as is now proposed for this country involves no possibility of aggression. Indeed, the one thing which lies least heavily upon the American mind today is the fear of an attack from any source—from the sea or from the land. Our position is quite different from that in the few years which preceded the World War. The rapidity with which we gathered our resources, the skill and spirit with which we sent 2,000,000 men to Europe, the fighting qualities they displayed—these things gave the world an object lesson it will not soon forget. Thus the United States has everything to gain from disarmament and nothing to lose.—The World's Work.

Prohibition Enforcement.

As a student of Kraepelin, the most scientific and original of alcohol's enemies, I learned, years ago, how indisputable are the proofs, experimental and others, which show that alcohol, even in small quantities, impairs temporarily the finer intellectual qualities. * * * Alcohol is not responsible for all the crimes in the calendar, although all are imputed to it; and in the second place, it seemed to me a risky experiment to wrench out of existence abruptly, on a set date, any substance which for centuries has been so fixed in human customs as alcohol has. For it is, after all, a sacramental symbol of religion, a part of the ceremonies connected with marriage, birth and death, and many of the celebrations which stir and unite people's souls. It seemed psychologically impossible for a radical operation like that to take place without an extremely unwholesome reaction. What the reaction will be—social unrest, criminalism, resort to drugs—no one knows. For political reasons, perhaps, legislators keep themselves uninformed about such factors in racial decline as mental deficiency, epilepsy and insanity, all more frequent than chronic alcoholism. People delude themselves into believing that when prohibition is enforced the country will need no more saving; and legislators, hard of hearing before, become stone-deaf to the arguments which represent that the problems of degeneracy will not have been met by the removal of alcohol.—Dr. Pearce Bailey in North American Review.

Commanding officers in France under military law, have the right to perform marriage ceremonies.

In the British navy, the kings of Denmark, Norway and Sweden are the only foreign sovereigns who rank as honorary admirals.

County Government.

There is little doubt that we could improve the efficiency of county government very greatly by adapting to our county organization the principle of the commission form of government or the city manager plan. The work of county governments falls pretty clearly into two divisions. There is the work of law enforcement for one thing, and the business affairs of the county government for another. Why can we not have at each county a county manager who will be the sole responsible head of the county government? The responsibility of law enforcement should certainly rest definitely upon the shoulders of one officer instead of playing hide and seek, as it now does, between County Attorney, Sheriff, Coroner, Constable and grand jury. The responsibility for the efficient conduct of the business affairs of the county should rest definitely upon the shoulders of one officer.—Glenn Frank in Century Magazine.

The editor of this sheet is both underpaid and underfed. Come a-running with that subscription you owe us. You don't know just how bulky it makes us feel to have a few 'bucks' in our jeans. Tickle us.—St. Mary's (W. Va.) Leader.

One thousand union painters, paper hangers and decorators of St. Louis have refused a cut in their wages of 20 per cent. They now get \$1.25 an hour for work and soldier on the job if they wish to and an employer cannot fire one of them for it. If he does, a strike is called and they will endeavor to put him out of business.

Because hob-nailed shoes of 2000 American soldiers, who guarded the American peace commission in Paris, ruined the polished floors and rugs of the Hotel Crillon, to the extent of \$125,870, the management has rendered a bill to the government for damages.

On a hillside overlooking the Monongahela River, in the heart of the coal fields, near Pittsburgh, Pa., two light, illuminating the honor roll of miners of that district who participated in the world war, are burning every night, and have been burning since the tablet was erected more than a year ago.

Clara Smith Hamon, recently received into a church at Ardmore, Okla., and who has been acquitted of the murder of Jake Hamon, is to go into movies. Here is the place for the public to refuse to patronize any picture show who screens such women as Clara Smith Hamon, former mistress of the man she was acquitted of murdering.

Col. Schaphaach, of the Swiss army, in an address at a recent conference in Berne, Switzerland, complimented the American army of occupation on the Rhine, as "the most up-to-date of all the armies in the world." The efficiency and good appearance of the American troops, the excellence of their discipline and organization, and their military fitness were praised by the speaker.

A doctor assures us that children, like pretty much everything else, have their growing season, which begins about now and continues until the last of November. They grow fastest in the period from March to August, and less in that between August and December. Between December and March growth is almost a standstill. It is in the season of strawberry shortcake or some other early-summer appetizer that boys suddenly shoot out of short pants and girls begin to overtop their astonished mothers. That being so, let us all hope the present growing season is a mild one. We have not yet had enough reconstruction in the things worn by young people to make too much replenishment a pleasant prospect.—Post-Dispatch.

The greatest piece of political robbery that has ever been attempted in the State of Missouri is the redistricting the judicial circuits of the State. The way the Republicans have cut things up, about one dozen Democratic judges, who were elected by the people, will be juggled out of their jobs, while only one Republican judge will be deposited. In Democratic Kansas City, two Courts of Appeals will be eliminated while Republican St. Louis retains all of her courts. Instead of reducing the number of courts in the State, they should have been increased as the dockets are so crowded now that the judges are behind with their work. The pie-hungry horde of Republicans must be fed and as they could not be elected by the people the Republican Governor and caucus leaders had to legislate jobs for them. Thanks to the referendum the crime has only been attempted.

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State Colleges Now Offer Market Courses to Farmers.

A big, expensive obstruction will be taken out of the road that leads from producer to consumer when the Bureau of Markets, United States Department of Agriculture, extends marketing science to the agricultural educational agencies as is now proposed. In growing his crop the farmer has done only half his work; his own profits and the satisfaction of his customers are not assured until the product has been marketed efficiently. For seven years the Bureau of Markets has been collecting information upon this subject, and this material has now been boiled down into such shape that it may be taught in schools and colleges along with the other specialties and sciences that go into the profession of agriculture.

The Bureau of Markets will not attempt to create new educational agencies, but will use those already provided. Schools and colleges will be given an opportunity to offer marketing courses to their students, and moving pictures, lectures, and pamphlets will carry the information to those who are unable to attend regular institutions.

The subjects now ready for such extension include organization methods and business methods for co-operative associations, the standardization of farm products, better packing and shipping, transportation, market inspection, market information, exhibits and demonstrations, and warehousing. Practically all the farmers marketing problems are reached by these subjects, but in cases which require it, the subjects will be modified and specialized to suit particular needs.

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Increase of Wild Fowl Since Passage of Migratory Law.

Washington, March 22.—Conservation of water and marsh areas is necessary to the perpetuation of the migratory wild fowl, the Department of Agriculture declared in a statement today.

Reports received by the Biological Survey during the last few months show there has been an increase of wild fowl since the passage of the migratory bird law. The statement also says that, under proper conditions, "water farming" of many lakes and ponds and of marsh and of swampy lands will yield a larger return than would the same area drained and used for agriculture.

Dr. E. W. Nelson, chief of the survey, declared the rapidly increasing drainage of lakes and marshes thruout the country indicates that wild fowl resorts and feeding places will be practically eliminated from most of the states unless a considerable number of the best of them are conserved.

Coal For Sale

Have just received a car load of nut coal that will be sold for \$7.00 per ton delivered. \$6.25 at car.—Wm. Day Transfer Co.

The United States army is short of 2,585 second lieutenants.

J. W. Baker Sr., J. W. Baker Jr., and Miss Frances Baker left Tuesday afternoon for a few days stay in St. Louis.

Mrs. P. M. Malcolm accompanied her sister, Mrs. E. I. Haws, to Chaffee, Tuesday, for a few days visit. Mrs. Haws and children were guests at the Malcolm home all last week.

As a result of their experience in the world war, the general staff of the French army has decided in the reconstruction of its frontier forts to place them all in valleys instead, as formerly, on the summits of hills.

Sidney Hocks is going to drop all his other trades and professions and will answer an advertisement which beseeches ambitious persons to earn big money during spare time at home, experience and work not necessary. He reads where one fellow, with his hair roached up in front, made a fraction over three hundred dollars in one week, over and above his regular salary of twelve dollars a week at his old job.—Hogville News.

Despite the fact that a certain coldness exists between the inhabitants of the occupied regions of Germany and the American army, it is said that 3,000 United Soldiers have married German girls.

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A limited number of eggs for hatching. A good laying strain.

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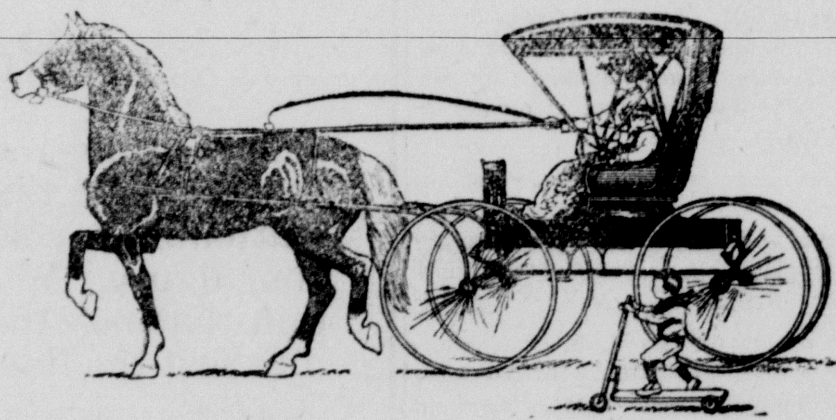
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New Madrid, Mo.

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Why Don't I Go To Church?

By Walt Mason.

Upon a recent Sabbath afternoon I adjusted my person in a rocking-chair on the front porch, and prepared to have a good time reading Fox's "Book of Martyrs." Samuel Jingle-son, my next-door neighbor, was fixing the tin roof on his kitchen, and making a great clatter, which disturbed me slightly, but not enough to stir my wrath.

Presently, however, Aunt Dorcas came out of the house quite indignant. "It is a shame," she said, "the way that man next door destroys the peace of the Sabbath, with his hammering and swearing. I have been trying to read Charlie Spurgeon's sermons, and can't get any sense out of them for the noise. If you had the spirit of a grasshopper you would go over there and tell him where to get off."

I have more spirit than many grasshoppers, and I went over to Jingle-son's, and climbed the ladder until my face was flush with the roof, and then spoke in a commanding tone of voice, ordering him to cease his unholy racket. In an equally commanding tone he instructed me to go to the creek and immerse my head.

Whereupon I adopted argumentative tactics, and pointed out that his course was morally wrong, and a violation of one of the commandments. Then he argued at great length that Saturday, and not Sunday, is the Sabbath, and consequently he was violating no law or commandment. Seeing that argument would lead us nowhere, I appealed to him, as a gentleman and scholar, to cut out the noise, since he greatly disturbed my aunt.

"Why didn't you say so in the first place?" he inquired. "No man can say that Samuel Adolphus Jingle-son ever willfully and wantonly annoyed the ladies."

Then he gathered up his tools and slid off the tin roof and broke a leg when he hit the ground.

The moral of this modern instance is that you can get the freeborn American citizen to do anything if you approach him in the right way.

That forenoon I had attended church. The pastor was a man of delicate physique and spiritual face. His hands were small and white, like those of a woman, and he was pardonably proud of them, keeping them in view all the time. He had a musical, caressing voice. He seemed a creature remote from all contact with modern life. It was impossible to imagine him crawling under an automobile to see what in thunder was the matter with the crank-case, or rearing up from the bleachers to express a few drastic sentiments concerning the umpire.

His sermon was a sort of vindication of Aaron, so far as I could understand it before I dropped off to sleep. It seemed that Aaron, in the absence of Moses, weakly yielded to the demands of the Israelites and erected the golden calf. The parson admitted that this was a bad break, but seemed to think it rather an error of judgment, an not an indication of inferior character. He was outlining the circumstances that led up to Aaron's mistake when I lost consciousness.

As we drifted out of church people were saying that it was a fine, helpful discourse, and they could take a fresh grip on life, now that they could dismiss all anxiety as to Aaron's true character; but to me it seemed the climax of futility. It is hard for me to get excited over the doings of people who died five or six thousand years ago, when I know dozens of good men who are out of work, and whose children are wading through snowdrifts in open-work shoes.

At the time when this sermon was delivered the profiteers of the town had jacked up the rents to such a degree that people in moderate circumstances couldn't have roofs over their heads, and scores of families were living in tents, although the nights were bitter cold. There were a hundred vital problems shrieking for solution—problems of the present day and age—and a man of education and gifts could find it in his heart to preach of Aaron and the golden calf!

Why don't men go to church? We hear the question every day, and a thousand answers are given, and a thousand reasons may be advanced, each one with a basis of truth.

It has been my fortune to spend most of my life in towns of about 10,000 inhabitants. The West is liberally supplied with such towns. Each state has about a dozen of them. In their youth these towns were going to be new Chicagos; they had the Natural Advantages, and the Pep and Punch, and their Leading Business Men were born boosters, and nothing could head them off from crimson glory and undying fame. They grew and grew, like the beanstalk of history, until they reached the ten-thousand mark, and they stuck there, and never grew any more. It is as a lifelong resident in such towns that I refer to the church-going question—a topic one must approach with his hat off.

Alfalfa Center has its 10,000 inhab-

itants and has stagnated there forever. She has eighteen churches. Two of them are well attended and seem prosperous. The pastors draw salaries on which they can live in reasonable comfort, and they wear tailor-made clothes and hold their heads high as pastors should, for the church and its ministers should be dignified, and not objects of compassion. These two churches have pipe organs and choirs, and the music is so good that anesthetics are not necessary.

The other churches are just scratching along the best they can. Each has its minister who believes he was "called" to his sacred work, and that he is doing good in the world. But he is shabby and his church is shabby, and his stipend is a pitiful thing. The members of his church are mostly women, and they have to organize church suppers and bazaars and pass the hat in one way or another to buy the pastor new slippers and provide coal and kerosene for the church. You must live in a small town to understand the heartbreaking shifts the women resort to, to keep the bankrupt churches going.

On a sabbath morning the minister appears in his pulpit to deliver a helpful discourse. His congregation is the size of a corporal's guard. A few people scattered in the pews, here and there. The church is too hot or too cold. There is a broken window and a hole in the roof. No man born of woman could make a talk worth while, under such conditions. In his youth the minister probably was filled with righteousness, enthusiasm, but he is growing old, and he has seen no results after years of work, and his people sit before him like graven images, and a cold wind is blowing on the back of his neck, and so he can only drone through a tiresome sermon treating of things thousands of years old, when the world is aching with today's sickness and weariness.

Men don't go to his church; the atmosphere of such a place would make them blue for a week. In these modern times the institution that would command the respect and support of men must be solvent.

We hear much about the Men in the Street, the Toms, Dicks and Harrys, as the ones who shun the churches. Well, Tom, Dick and Harry haven't much use for the concern that is shabby and run down at the heel, whether the concern be a church or a movie theater.

Every Western town of 10,000 has from fifteen to twenty churches. These separate churches exist because of doctrinal differences which seem important to theologians, but which look like piffle to Tom, Dick and Harry. These superficial gents have the idea that the fifteen or twenty churches could consolidate, pool their resources, and have one fine tabernacle, with a humdinger of a preacher, and music that would be more attractive than a joy-ride in a henryear. Why not pay \$10,000 a year to a real pulpit orator instead of distributing it to fifteen or twenty discouraged divines who have to wear patched pants in the pulpit? The proposition seems reasonable to Tom, Dick and Harry; but the elders of the churches sweat blood when such a thing is mentioned. The First Vegetarian Church unite with the Reformed Calvinistic Church! Treason! Send for the police and fire department at once.

The churches won't get together and offer an attractive program. Better continue the age old policy, embracing shabby buildings and starved preachers, than compromise on any small point of doctrine. The First Vegetarian Church holds to the theory that the collection should be taken up by a man; the Calvinistic church permits women to perform this function. Such a gulf can never be bridged merely as a bid for popular favor.

Why don't men go to church? The question is so urgent that in several Kansas towns the "drive" machinery is at work, dragging people into the synagogue. The towns are canvassed by squads of Willing Workers, headed by captains, and every citizen is asked to make the pledge that he will go to church the following Sunday.

The next legislature will be asked to pass a law requiring people to go to church, or face a penalty. And of course the pastors, who know so much more about theology than about human nature, are eagerly back of this movement, and if the law is not placed upon the books it will not be their fault.

And here we see one major reason why Tom, Dick and Harry are weary of the church and its ministers. These ministers are like the Bourbon they learn anything, and never forget anything. They can't realize that the people now on earth have liberal minds, that they resent being driven and coerced.

Propose any sort of law that will make people uncomfortable and deprive them of some pleasure or amusement and the preachers are back of it, as one man. They are animated by the same old spirit that governed when people were burned at

the stake because their belief was different from the belief of those who had the power to burn them.

We should find tolerance and kindness and patience in the church, but these virtues are not there. It should strive to lead men by moral suasion, but it wants to drive them with a spiked club.

Admitting that the preachers are right in trying to legislate evil out of existence, is it a good policy, if they really desire to increase the church membership and lure Tom, Dick and Harry into the long-drawn aisles and fretted vaults of the cathedral?

Tom, Dick and Harry smoke tobacco. So did Raleigh and Tennyson and Carlyle and Fitzgerald and a hundred great men.

Tobacco is one of the great blessings of the world. Because of its use thousands of men are quiet, law-abiding citizens, who would otherwise be anarchists; for its soothing influence makes men contented with their lot, and is an antidote to angry passions. She weary toiler returns to his cottage in the evening feeling that he is ground down by the iron heel of tyranny; but when he sits on the front porch with his pipe in his shelf-mouth face, and smokes a few stanzas, he concludes that the world is a pretty fair resort, after all, and forgets his resentment. The peace of countless families is maintained because the Old Man gets solace from his pipe.

Tobacco contributes to the friendliness and good understanding of the world. There is no scriptural injunction against its use, and no sound moral argument against it. But now the reformers are campaigning against tobacco, and they will have the united support of the churches. The pastor maddens Tom, Dick and Harry by trying to deprive them of the chief comfort of their misty lives, an dthen wondering why these misguided individuals don't put on their lavender neckties and go to the sanctuary to hear him preach.

As remarked in the opening section of this essay, the freeborn American citizen can be induced to do almost anything, if properly approached; but our friends the parsons have a positive genius for taking the wrong way. If the reverend gentlemen are convince that tobacco is an evil, they are privileged to argue against it and persuade people to abandon the habit; and they will be considered good sports. But nothing will do but a law making it a felony to be found with a pipe or cigar.

Many drastic laws governing American life are now threatened, and the preachers are backing all of them, and have suggested some of them. Among other proposed laws is one making it a crime to drive an auto on the Sabbath.

Countless good citizens go to church on Sunday morning, with their wives, children and aunts; they chip in liberally when the contribution box comes along; they dig up to paint the church and pay the janitor and give the pastor a set of false teeth as a Christmas present. They listen with interest to sermons based on ancient history, and when the services are over, and they have eaten some canned beans, they back the family auto out of the garage and take the wives, children and aunts for a leisurely trip in the country, where the beauties of nature may be observed without extra charge.

These excellent citizens work all through the week in their offices, shops, or stores, and have no other opportunity to get a slant at the beauties of nature. And when their little harmless excursions are forbidden by law, under pain of a life sentence to the penitentiary, their enthusiasm for the church, that helped to clamp down such a law, may be imagined. If this law actually is placed upon the books, and I expect it will be, for the reformers nowadays seem able to put anything across, it will deprive the churches of tens of thousands of their most liberal supporters.

One trouble with the preachers is that they know nothing of human nature. They live in a little sheltered world of their own; they are surrounded by women, and their problems are chiefly concerned with the next oyster or Sabbath School picnic. They are aloof from the real life of this world.

I have lived in two towns where three were colleges in which young men were prepared for the ministry. Most of the young men came from the farms, where the current problems had to do with setting hens and cows going dry. From the college they went forth into the churches; young men, full of pious zeal, but knowing absolutely nothing of human life, human burdens, human tears and suffering. What comfort could these young men preachers give to the weary and heavy-laden? The majority of clergymen travel the same pathway into the church. All they know is theology, and theology is a cold, dead thing. If a man would give a real comfort, real service, he must have

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Why We Are the Cleanest Clothed People in the World

Said a famous Frenchman, visiting America for the first time: "Ah—you Americans—you are the cleanest clothed people in the world. I envy you."

We have reason to believe he meant what he said.

Clothes sent "out" in Siam are usually washed in a village pond—one is washed in a village pond—one are dried in ironing at a temperature of 320 degrees.

Blow-can sprinkling is universal among the Chinese. In Mexico it is well known that laundresses rent out of their patrons—many instances are related of men meeting their own shirts on unfamiliar backs.

Europe, too, has its unusual customs. Yet, clothes look clean in these countries—the difference is that here we have linked up sanitary service with our laundering. With us, clothes are sterilized as well as cleaned.

Everything in the family bundle is washed in five to ten baths of clearing suds and rainsoft water in modern laundries.

Javelle water, used so extensively during the war as a purifying agent, also plays its important part. Sterilized, superheated air of 210 degrees to 280 degrees temperature

is used in drying. Still other pieces are dried in ironing at a temperature of 320 degrees.

Clean clothes never come into contact with the soiled—wrapping in aseptic paper, in a special shipping room well removed from the receiving room, is the final step.

In modern laundries, personal apparel is refreshed and cleansed inwardly and outwardly—actually made purer than the milk we drink. It is well to remember that this service of sanitation—which helps keep us the cleanest clothed people in the world—is obtainable only in modern laundries.

To be sure of this service that is safe and saving; to be sure of protection for your own health and that of your family; to secure help that will take all of the inconvenience and work of washday out of your home, send your family washing to the modern laundry in your city.

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HILL'S CASCARA QUININE
FOR Colds, Coughs AND La Grippe

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Take no chances. Keep this standard remedy handy for the first sneeze.
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SIKESTON COMMUNITY PLAYERS

IN A HILARIOUS 3 ACT COMEDY

"LITTLE MISS SUSAN"

Just One, Long Loud Laugh From Start To Finish

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Daniel Gillispie, in a peck of trouble.....Mr. Triplett
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Deacon Smith, who forgives.....Mr. Paul H. Slinkard
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Miss Camson, matrimonially inclined.....Mrs. Triplett
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By Misses Hazel Stubbs, Fern Scott, Messrs Dr. Tonelli, Tom Russell, Harry Dover, W. W. Norrid, Master Richard Stubbs and others including

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Full Concert Orchestra

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Reserved Seats Now Selling At The Bijou, At Dudley's And By Special Agents.

Doors Open 7:30 P. M. Sharp—Curtain 8:15

Superintendent Miles C. Thomas has received a definite answer from Dr. W. C. Bitting, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of St. Louis, who will deliver the commencement address to the graduates of Sikeston High School on Thursday evening.

May 19th. Dr. Bitting is one of the most successful ministers of the district and Sikeston High School is indeed fortunate to have him for this occasion.
Small iron safe for sale.—Farmers Supply Co.

Mrs. Ranney Applegate will entertain a few friends this afternoon (Friday) at Bridge, at her home, 204 Tanner Street.
Mrs. E. L. Rogers of Portageville visited her sister, Miss Elsie Smart, Monday.

EASTER

The Day For New Clothes

If you are looking for clothes of quality and appreciate distinctive style let us fit you out with a Kuppenheimer Suit. New patterns in single and double breasted models, priced from

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You may need a new Hat, Cap, Shirt or some Hosiery and Neckwear. We have an extensive line of each, all standard makes.



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Easter Dresses, Coats, Suits and Skirts For the Ladies



Easter Dresses

An extensive line of the new dresses to choose from of Taffeta, Crepe de Chine, Georgette. Also clever combinations in navy and black; also the lighter fashionable shades. Sizes 14 to 44.

Easter Suits

Extremely smart suits of Serge and Tricotine, plain or beautifully braided and embroidered in a variety of styles.

SKIRTS—Some very smart skirts in the new plaid and plaited effects, as well as the plain models.

Stubbs Clothing Co.

Coffee Special

Attention Farmers! 10 Pounds
"Golden Cup" Coffee

\$3.50

Put up in a 14-quart Cream Can
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Why Don't I Go To Church?

lived like a human being.
It would be a good thing for the churches if all the young preachers had to graduate from the missions in the slums, if for a season they had to be close to real misery, hardship, suffering and poverty.
Once having entered the church, the young preachers are remote from every genuine human interest. They have a natural desire to display the erudition they gained in college and they deliver sermons full of sound and fury which, for all their applicability to human affairs, might as well be delivered in Spitzbergen as in Kansas or Georgia. The longer they are in the ministry the more remote they become from the real life around them; the very garb they wear keeps them in a class by themselves. They have no understanding of the human attributes of Tom, Dick and Harry; and yet they unwisely determine to regulate these delegates by law, while urging them to go to church.
Prohibition without doubt is a good thing, or will be when it has settled down; but its enforcement was followed by the greatest crime wave this country ever endured, and that crime wave still sweeps the land, to the terror of policemen and jurists. Perhaps the crime wave isn't due to the sudden clamping down of the prohibition law, but it is a fact that the people are in an exasperated state of mind, and not in the right mood to welcome an avalanche of blue laws, making it a felony to smoke, or chew gum, or drink circus lemonade.
With fatuous zeal the preachers of the country are advocating such laws, at the worst time they could have chosen in a hundred years. In Delaware they induced the police to arrest business men for playing cards; in Florida they draped works of art with petticoats, that pious eyes might not be shocked; in Kansas they are pursuing cigarette smokers with Torquemada enthusiasm; everywhere they are doing as much as they can to inflame public resentment against the church, and yet when they pause from their labors they innocently ask why people don't go to church.
It is a question one must approach with his hat off, and my hat has been off from the first. Nobody has more respect or reverence for the real church, the church of good works and high examples. I have merely tried to advance, in the Kansas language, the inward sentiments of Tom, Dick and Harry, in whom there is nothing subtle.

The W. C. T. U. met Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of the M. E. Church with only four members in attendance, owing to the inclemency of the weather. Mrs. Maude Stubbs, president, presided and read a letter from Mrs. Nellie G. Berger in which were outlined plans for the new work of the W. C. T. U. The Union has decided to accept Mr. Altheide's proposition for a community play ground. Mr. Altheide is to supply \$2000 of playground equipment and a committee was appointed to select and make all arrangements for a suitable location. The next meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon, April 6th.

Milk Cows For Sale

Grover Baker
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Columbia 10-inch records 59c
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Suppose you tell us you're interested that's all—we'll call.

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A meeting of the Project Engineers was held last Thursday in the offices of Division Engineer, M. S. Murray.

The meeting was addressed by H. H. Lotter, Senior Federal Engineer of Missouri, and M. M. De Vorkin, Engineer in charge of Construction from Jefferson City.

The meeting was attended by D. M. Scivally of Cape Girardeau, in charge of the concrete road work now building in that county; F. W. Sayers of Charleston, in charge of the concrete road under construction in Mississippi County; E. H. Robinson of Sikeston, in charge of Kingshighway construction in Scott County and work under construction in Ripley County; Jack Shelton, in charge of construction of Kingshighway in New Madrid county; F. J. Noonan, of Malden, in charge of work in Dunklin County, and the Malden-Risco road in New Madrid county; T. H. Jennings, in charge of road construction in Pemiscot County.

The matter of handling the work to the best advantage this season was discussed in an experience meeting of the men present, and definite plans for work outlined.

Most of the construction work has been closed down during the winter months, but by April 1st every contract will be working full force.

There is now, in the 6th Division, under the direction of M. S. Murray, Division Engineer, more than one million dollars of road work under construction, work which the above mentioned men have direct charge.

Dinner was served at the M. S. Murray home on North New Madrid St.

L. C. Erdmann, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee, and his associates are planning to start the membership drive with a banquet to be given Monday night April 4th—the place to be announced later.

The spread will not be elaborate, but one that will be thoroughly enjoyed.

The Committee hints of entertainment features—unusual and sure to furnish an "honest to goodness good time." It is expected that no less than 350 people will attend and everyone is sure of a good time. The festivities will begin soon after six o'clock.

Mr. Roy S. Rauschkob of St. Louis has accepted the invitation of the Committee and will make the principal address of the evening. Mr. Rauschkob is well versed in organization work and has the unquestionable ability of stimulating men to greater efforts.

The Standard \$2.00 per year.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION (Sikeston District)

In compliance with the laws of Missouri notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of District No. 54 County of Scott, State of Missouri, that the Annual School Election of said District will be held at the four regular voting places in the four separate wards of the City of Sikeston on Tuesday, the 5th day of April, 1921, commencing at 6 o'clock in the forenoon and continuing until 7 o'clock in the afternoon, and, among other things specified by law, the following propositions will be proposed, considered and voted upon:
1. To elect two School Directors to serve for a period of three years.
2. To increase the levy for teachers and incidental purposes to \$1.00 on each \$100.00 assessed valuation of said School District.
3. To vote a levy of \$1.00 on each \$100.00 assessed valuation of said School District as a building fund for the purpose of repairing, furnishing, and maintaining school buildings in said District.

Done by order of the Board of Education on this, the 10th day of March, 1921.

R. E. BAILEY,
District Clerk.

March 18-25 April.



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Juanita, 48 lb. bag	\$2.57
Juanita, 24 lb. bag	\$1.31
Perfect Bake, 48 lb. bag	\$2.44
Perfect Bake, 24 lb. bag	\$1.23
Sugar, per 100 lbs.	\$9.50
Milk, large can	10c
Rice, per pound	5c
Searchlight Matches per box	5c

New Stock Cigars

Niles & Moser	7c
Chancellor	12c
Hand Made	5c
Kellog's Corn Flakes	12c

Easter Candies

New stock arriving daily. Prices a little lower.

The finest Sugar Cane Syrup made, per gallon	\$1.35
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Free

1 9-cup Aluminum Percolator with three lb. White's Delight coffee	\$1.78
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White Naptha soap	7c
Brown soap	4c

Special

Onion Sets, per gallon	10c
Best Peaberry coffee per pound	19c
Whites Delight coffee	27c
Puck coffee, the best	43c

Syrup

Red, one gallon	65c
One-half gallon	35c
Life-O-Wheat, similar to Cream of Wheat, per package	24c
Corn Kernels	15c
Tomatoes, per can	10c
Corn, per can	10c
Peas, 13c; 2 cans	25c
Bread, per loaf 8c; 2 for	15c
Creamery Butter, per lb.	54c

Car load Seed Oats, just received, per bushel

65c

MATTHEWS ITEMS

A. J. Rice came down from St. Louis Friday.

G. D. Steele went to St. Louis Monday on business.

Mrs. Louis Hunott went to Sikeston Thursday on business.

C. L. Yates spent the week-end at the Cape with his parents.

Roy Moore of Sikeston was in Matthews Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gardener went to New Madrid Saturday, shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Prouty were the guests of Mrs. Tenny Burch Sunday.

G. D. Steele was in New Madrid Saturday of last week to attend court.

G. F. Deane returned Friday from St. Louis, where he went on business.

Mrs. Bettie Shelton and small son shopped in Sikeston Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Ratcliffe and little son spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ratcliffe.

Mrs. A. J. Rice, of St. Louis, who is visiting here was a Sikeston visitor Thursday of last week.

Miss Madge Davis, teacher of Crow District, spent last week-end with her parents in Sikeston.

Mr. and Mrs. Pilaut and daughter Clara Belle, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Reed Sunday.

Clarence Stewart, James Hultz and Oscar Mainord motored to New Madrid Wednesday of last week.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Higgs Saturday, March 19th, and left a big girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Alville Fulkerson of La Forge were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Story Saturday night.

Miss Irene Loenneke spent the week-end in Jackson with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Loenneke.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Arnold and children motored down from Sikeston Saturday returning the same day.

Mrs. B. Forrest and baby returned Sunday from Sikeston, where she has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cox.

Misses Ruth Driskill and Virginia Westcoat of Oran motored down to Matthews with Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Matthews Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Deane and family, Mesdames Albert Deane, Sydney Mitchell, George Steele motored to New Madrid Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myer and little son returned Thursday from Sikeston, where they spent the week visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. George Traylor returned to her home in New Madrid Wednesday, after being the guest of her mother, Mrs. Ella Prouty for the past few days.

Mrs. Oscar Carroll attended the Home Missionary meeting at the home of Mrs. W. A. Finch at New Madrid Thursday and gave a reading in her usual superb style.

Mrs. Roy Owens of St. Louis, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Deane, went to Lillbourn Friday of last week for a few days visit with her mother, Mrs. Mattie Fox.

Messrs. W. B. Rossiter and James Collier were in Matthews Saturday. Mr. Collier purchased a new Oakland touring car from G. D. Steele, which he drove back to New Madrid that evening.

Quite a number of our young folks enjoyed a hayride to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gill Brooks, about six miles southeast of Matthews, where they were delightfully entertained by the Misses Brooks.

Miss Will A. Deane entertained her Sunday School Class of nineteen, the Legion of Honor, composed of young lads and lassies, with an old-time party. Candy making and pop corn popping were some of the evening's features. Misses Aleta Hill and Madge Arnold of Sikeston gave readings. Mrs. Roy Owens of St. Louis presided at the piano and entertained the young folks with a number of old-fashioned melodies.

Mrs. Mary Steele had at her beautiful home Sunday, a family gathering of her four children and seven grandchildren as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Matthews, and daughters Misses Marietta and Helen, sons Master Jackson and Moore Matthews of Oran, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Steele and daughter, Mary of New Madrid, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Steele and sons, George D. J., and John Chaney, of this city and Howard Steele.

The State Club Baseball and Track Teams have been formed and the contests between these clubs at the Chillicothe Business College have started. Soon the college teams will be selected and April 8th the heavy college schedule begins.

McMULLIN ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lewis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lewis.

Miss Marguerite Hinkle of Sikeston was the guest of Miss Effie Grant Sunday.

Leonard Vaughn and family and Mrs. Sophie Matthews spent the day with T. B. Stubblefield Sunday.

The Sunday School children will have an Easter egg hunt at the church Sunday afternoon, if the weather is favorable.

In some way T. B. Stubblefield's name was omitted from the list of the Board that attended the school meeting at Benton Saturday of last week. Our school board is composed of live energetic men, always working for the best interest of the school. Through the co-operation of the board our school has been most satisfactory to all concerned this year.

Our boys and men held a meeting at the school house Sunday afternoon to organize a baseball team. They were successful beyond their fondest dreams. Forty-five dollars was subscribed for equipment. The following men were chosen as officers: Messrs. Simpson, Lee, Smith, Stubblefield and Smith. It is said that a person's daily work is done better if they have some fun in which to spend their leisure time. Baseball is a splendid fad for any boy. There is more credit in co-operation with than independent of others. Now, let us all work together to put McMullin on the map in big letters this summer. It can be done. Let's give the boys a square deal, treat them like they are human beings, and they will stick to you through trials and tribulations.

Mrs. James Mabee spent Wednesday with relatives in Morehouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fettingier and children are in Anna, Ill., for a 10-days' visit with relatives.

Mrs. E. W. Harrelson arrived home Wednesday from St. Louis accompanied by the two younger Harrelson children, who have been visiting several weeks, with relatives in that city.

On graduation from the Chillicothe Business College last week, Miss Pauline Nolin of Shelby was placed as stenographer for Missouri University. For years, the University has largely looked to Chillicothe's big business school for its office help.

The home of Mrs. Maude Cooper, 626 Wilson Ave., was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning about two o'clock, and but for the rain which had been falling steadily for several hours, nearby houses, of the same light frame construction, would also have been burned. The burned house was formerly the W. S. Hollingsworth property and was purchased a short time ago by Mrs. Cooper. The place was insured for \$800.

Tuesday afternoon, at her home on South Kingshighway, Miss Gladys Kendall entertained a few friends at bridge. Included among the guests were Mrs. T. A. Wilson, Mrs. Ranney Applegate, Mrs. Carl Bess, Mrs. C. D. Matthews Jr., Mrs. Loomis Mayfield, Mrs. Murray Klein, Mrs. Joe Stubbs Jr., Mrs. Marvin McMullin, Mrs. Will Sikes, Mrs. A. C. Sikes, Mrs. Arnold Roth, Miss Mayne Marshall and Miss Burnice Tanner.

SPORTS AT THE TRAPS

The three professional shots, Bart Lewis, Art Killiam and O. C. Burroughs, who were expected here Tuesday for the second trap shoot of the Sikeston Gun Club, failed to put in appearance, owing to the disagreeable weather.

Members of the Club, however, were not afraid of a little rain, and a drop in temperature, and the shoot was held as per schedule with the following results:

First Squad
E. C. Matthews, 19 out of 25.
Dr. McClure, 18 out of 25.
Harry A. Smith, 13 out of 25.
Grover Baker, 10 out of 25.
Frank Van Horn, 4 out of 25.
Second Squad
Dr. McClure 17 out of 25.
E. C. Matthews, 17 out of 25.
Chas Prow, 13 out of 25.
W. H. Tanner, 10 out of 25.
Grover Baker, 10 out of 25.

Third Squad
Dan McCoy, 20 out of 25.
E. C. Matthews, 16 out of 25.
Harry Smith, 15 out of 25.
Dr. McClure, 11 out of 25.
Frank Van Horn, 7 out of 25.
The next shoot will be held Tuesday afternoon, March 29, at the Fair Grounds.

Jess Mayfield of Jackson was a Sikeston visitor Tuesday.

10-inch Columbia Phonograph records, 59c; 12-inch records, 75c.—Yanson, The Jeweler.

Mrs. Clay Farmer, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Turner, left Tuesday afternoon to join Mr. Farmer in Charleston, where he has accepted a position.

Patrons of the York school, Southeast of this city, are making plans for a Pie Supper to be given Friday night, April 1st. The affair is to be given to raise funds for the church in that community.

"All dressed up and nowhere to go" was truly the plight of Grover Baker, Wednesday, when he dolled up to go to St. Louis market with a car of cattle and, after having purchased a ticket, sold the car of cattle to Ed Pratt.

Mrs. Sallie Gaty departed Wednesday for Tennessee, where she will visit for an indefinite period. Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth and Miss Wootsen Inez accompanied Mrs. Gaty as far as Cairo, returning home that afternoon.

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HOGVILLE NEWS LETTER

Dag Smith has a large knot on his head all because he disagreed with Bill Hellwanger about a certain thing Saturday night.

Alexander Moseley's house caught fire Tuesday night and the family escaped in their night clothes, but fortunately no one saw them.

Hogville will soon have to have a new jail as the old one we have now has been broken open and cut out of so often that it is getting very much out of repair.

Zero Peck found a mighty nice clay pipe yesterday, but as usual, the owner came along and claimed it. Zero says little good it is for him to find anything.

Dag Smith, who whistles in his sleep, has been ordered by Zero Peck a next door neighbor, to quit it. Dag is not afraid of Zero and will not quit it is believed.

The assistant Constable is having a celebrated moonshiner make him a barrel of white whisky to be used subject to the action of the democratic party in the primary this summer.

Gape Allsop, who for a long time has had an unknown correspondent, sent her his picture more than a month ago, and has not heard from her since. Gape cannot understand this, though several others think they can.

Dag Smith almost broke up the sermon at Bear Ford Sunday by coming in late and waiting until he got inside the church to stamp the mud off his feet. The preacher reprimanded him and told him he must come across the field and keep out of the mud.

A petition is being circulated asking that the salary of the Bear Ford Preacher be raised. The Old Miser is expected to oppose this, and if it is presented to him at all for his signature, it will be done last, as they do not care to develop the unnecessary opposition.

Gape Allsop, who ordered a new watch from somewhere away off, has received it, and instead of winding with a key it's one of these newfangled stem-winding affairs and is attracting no little attention in Hogville. The Postmaster, who has always had a great deal of annoyance over losing his watch key, wonder why some fool did not think of this new arrangement for winding a watch years ago.

Mrs. Harry C. Blanton and little Miss Rosemary left Tuesday for a short visit with Mrs. Blanton's parents in Bay City, Michigan.

In order that she may attend the Boston High School, a special dispensation has been granted to Princess Mahidol Songkla, wife of Prince Songkla, half brother of the King of Siam.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

Mrs. M. F. Ehlers is spending the week in Sikeston.

T. A. Lee of Portageville was in New Madrid Monday.

Prof. J. M. Irby of Lilbourn visited the County Seat Saturday.

Mrs. Horrell Townsend visited relatives in Lilbourn Friday.

R. L. Simmons made a business trip to Portageville Saturday.

Robert Aldridge of Morehouse was a New Madrid visitor Tuesday.

Herman Walker of Portageville visited at the County Seat Friday.

Supt. P. J. Stearns of Lilbourn made a trip to New Madrid Sunday.

Sam Pikey and his son Charlie spent several hours in our city Monday.

Presiding Judge L. M. Sarff left Tuesday night for St. Louis on business.

Rev. B. E. Kesler of Matthews was a business visitor at New Madrid Saturday.

W. A. Singleton of Catron was a business visitor in New Madrid Saturday.

Mrs. Jennie Mitchell left Saturday on a visit to her son, Val Mitchell of Malden.

Percy Mott of Blytheville, Ark., was a business visitor in New Madrid Monday.

J. F. Cox and E. J. Keith of Sikeston attended County Court in New Madrid Tuesday.

Junot Purell of the Conran neighborhood was a caller at the Court House Saturday.

Geo. D. Steele, assistant cashier of Bank of Matthews, was in New Madrid on business Saturday.

Lee Willett of Caruthersville spent several hours in New Madrid Wednesday visiting relative.

Rev. M. L. Eaves left Monday noon for Chaffee to attend a call meeting of the Potosi Presbytery.

A pipe organ has just recently been installed in the Catholic church. A gift from Mrs. L. A. Lewis.

Attorney Valentine Perkins of Lilbourn was in New Madrid Saturday, looking after legal matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Feinstein of Portageville were guests of Mrs. Louis Shainberg last Thursday.

J. W. Beale, stationery man of St. Louis was visiting his regular customers in New Madrid Monday.

Mrs. Alvina Owens of Cape Girardeau arrived Thursday, on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Jos. F. Gordon.

Mrs. John Q. Stevens returned home Monday from a visit to relatives at Glen Allen, Bollinger County.

E. W. Goodson of Cape Girardeau arrived last week on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. O. A. Bowers of this city.

Mrs. Ambrose Kerr and two daughters, Misses Irene and Mildred spent the week-end in Parma, guests of friends.

Judge and Mrs. W. L. Stacy of Sikeston motored to our city Friday and spent the day with relatives and friends.

Lee C. Phillips, Real Estate dealer returned Saturday from St. Louis, where he spent the week transacting business.

Misses Anna and Eva Barkovite of Portageville visited the families of M. Frankle and Louis Shainberg this past week.

Miss Bessie Murphy, one of our public school teachers, spent the week-end in St. Louis, visiting relatives, leaving here Thursday night and returning Monday morning in time to resume her school duties.

Lynn Newsum left with his family for Cairo Sunday, where he will take charge of and operate the Colonial Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. June C. St. Mary and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Newsum motored to Caruthersville Friday on a shopping trip.

Miss Annie Howard made a business trip to Cairo Monday in the interest of the Howard & Dawson Millinery store.

Miss Gladys Ransburgh's application to enter Barnes' Hospital, St. Louis, for training next May, has been accepted.

Mrs. A. W. Ingram, after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Clay Mitchell, returned Monday to her home in Chaffee.

Mrs. Margaret De Lisle and Miss Stella De Lisle of Portageville were in our city Monday looking after business and visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Riley and little daughters, Harriet Anna and "Billie Lou" of Lilbourn were visitors at the Davis B. Riley resident Sunday.

Misses Geraldine DeLisle and Marguerite Riley spent the week-end in Portageville, guests of Miss De Lisle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. De Lisle.

Jos. F. Gordon, truant officer, visited Morehouse, Parma, Tallapoosa and quite a number of other schools this past week and found them doing nicely.

Mrs. June C. St. Mary was hostess for the Bridge Club Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Robert L. Simmons scoring highest received a bottle of toilet water. A dainty lunch was served.

Charles Wright of Lilbourn was tried Saturday at the court house before Probation Officer, R. M. Carter, for the non-compliance of the compulsory school law and was fined \$10.

E. L. Griffin, Harry Himmelberger, Dr. Pease and Thos. G. Blackwell of Morehouse spent several hours in New Madrid, looking after business, being interested in the road proposition.

Wash D. Howard is erecting an up-to-date 9-room bungalow on Kings-highway just within the city limits between what is known as the Richard J. Water's Place and the L. B. Howard home place.

Harry C. Hensley, County Farm Agent, left Saturday noon for St. Louis on a business trip, en route home. He stopped over at Sikeston Tuesday and attended a meeting of the Farm Bureau in that city.

Morris Frankle returned the latter part of the week from a ten-days' business trip to St. Louis, stopping over in St. Charles, Cape Girardeau and Poplar Bluff, visiting his sister, Mrs. Herman Wolfson at Puxico.

Rev. A. C. Gale of East Prairie supplied the pulpit at the Methodist Church Sunday morning and evening in the absence of the local pastor, Rev. O. A. Bowers, who is assisting in a protracted meeting at East Prairie.

W. D. Lonergan Construction Co. of this City was awarded Federal Project No. 40, the Portageville road for \$257,199.32 and Managold Company of St. Louis was awarded Fed. Proj. No. 120, Morehouse road for \$70,262.52.

Mrs. Ambrose Kerr entertained with a very pretty informal dinner last Friday complimentary to Mrs. Harbour of Tiffin, Ohio. Covers were laid for Mesdames Corwin H. Post, Dr. Blackman and daughter, Miss Catherine all of Parma.

W. S. Korn left Tuesday for Paragould, Ark., to resume his duties as conductor on the branch line of the Cotton Belt running from Paragould to Blytheville. Mr. Korn was very much indisposed and remained at home several weeks to recuperate.

Mrs. Louis Shainberg returned Thursday from Memphis, Tenn., where she visited her husband, who

is in the Baptist Memorial Hospital being treated for Sciatic rheumatism, and is under the care of a special nurse. He is doing very nicely at present.

The case of Thos. Curneal of Stoddard county, plaintiff, vs. Geo. D. Steele of Matthews, defendant, for the settlements of some accounts, was brought before Jos. F. Gordon, Justice of the Peace, last Saturday, March 19th, but was dismissed by the Court as having no jurisdiction.

Among the representatives of the many Construction companies and bridge companies who attended County Court in New Madrid Tuesday were Mr. Mickey of the Vincennes Bridge Company of Vincennes, Ind., and E. S. Kelley of the Kelley Construction Company of Eureka Springs, Ark.

Miss Hilma Royer entertained a number of her friends last Thursday evening complimentary to Miss Katie Hampton of St. Louis. The time was very pleasantly spent in playing games and dancing. An elaborate luncheon of chicken salad, sandwiches, pickles, cake and hot chocolate was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Sharp and little sons Garwood and Val, accompanied by Miss Bernice Allison motored to Portageville Sunday and spent the day. Mr. Sharp looked after business matters in Pemiscot county, the ladies visiting the Mitchell Meatte family. They were accompanied home by Miss Mary Meatte.

The administrator's sale by T. B. Crow, Public Admin., of the house and lot of Mrs. Mary McDowell, deceased, fronting 40 ft. on Powell Ave. with a depth of 210 ft. was auctioned off at the Court House door at 2 p. m. Monday by City Marshal L. A. Richards, for the sum of \$1200. Dr. Geo. W. Dawson being the purchaser.

73.40 acres of land, that portion of S24 of NE1/4 sec. 24, twp. 22 range 11, lying east of right-of-way of San Francisco Ry., belonging to Geo. W. Elderbrook of Matthews, was sold at front door of Court House Monday by Trustee Geo. H. Traylor. The New Madrid Realty & Investment Co. became the purchasers, for the sum of \$500.00.

Miss Lillian Dawson entertained with a Bridge party last Saturday afternoon at her suburban home in the north end of town. There were two tables of guests. Mrs. Milton Mann was presented with a fudge apron for her successful playing. Mrs. Hubert D. Russell of Chicago, received the guest's prize, an Angel Food cake. A delicious salad luncheon was served.

It was hard for the Judges, however, who were Mrs. E. E. Reeves and Matt J. Conran and Allen Henry, to

decide, as they would like to have given each one a prize, but after due consideration, the first prize, a lovely cake, was given to Morris Frankle. The second prize, a box of home-made candy, was presented to Miss Begetta Micalke; third, Little Folks Prize, a ball, was given to Master Val Sharp, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Sharp. The fourth prize, a box of stationery was awarded to Miss Alice Berryman. The guests were then requested to unmask, after which a very delicious cafeteria luncheon of salads, sandwiches, and coffee was served, in which the motif of St. Patrick was carried out. The proceeds netted to about \$47.00.

R. A. Laughlin, Scout Master, took the Scouts out on a camping trip at the "Washout" from Saturday afternoon until Sunday morning. There were 22 in number. The Beaver Patrol under Burwin McCully; Wolf Patrol under Willett Raidt and Eagle Patrol under Lee Smalley. They made the trip afoot—walking for 25 minutes, then a rest of 5 minutes, a rest of 10 minutes in one hour, as per one of the Scout rules. Three boys would keep watch for 2 hours, they being relieved by three more and so on through the night. This was done to keep order and keep the camp fires going and to see that everything was right. Mr. Laughlin taught them things that were required to make good Scouts, and they were under perfect discipline all the time.

Mrs. James A. Finch was hostess for the Women's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church last Thursday evening at her Palatial Home on Scott Street. The house was adorned with beautiful spring flowers and the St. Patrick motif was carried out in the decorations and confections. A very interesting program had been prepared by Mrs. F. F. Henry. Instrumental duets by Misses Frances Richards and Coretta Pharris and Misses Alice Berryman and Susie Shelby, readings were given by Mrs. Carroll of Matthews and Mrs. John E. Riley. Mesdames Roy H. Long, L. H. Moore, E. E. Reeves and W. T. Royer read appropriate poems. There were contests and other amusements that were in accordance with St. Patrick's Day. An elegant luncheon of St. Patrick ice cream, Angel Food cake, coffee and green and white mints were served.

"St. Patrick's Day in the Evening" was well celebrated last Thursday evening with a masked "Tacky Party" at the Hotel Hamilton. The event was given under the supervision and management of the Ladies' Auxillary of the Presbyterian Church. The hallway and dining room were packed with masked and unmasked guests, the former being arrayed in most com-

ical and ridiculous costumes, evidencing that much care and attention had been exercised in their style of dress. Mr. and Mrs. Jos. F. Gordon wore their wedding costumes of 25 years ago. Mrs. Gordon wearing a close-fitting white dress with veil on train, carrying a bouquet of Lillies of the Valley, led the march, which they apparently tried to keep step to piano music. Much merriment was had when each one was presented with typewritten line or two of the old-time melody such as "Auld Lang Syne", "Comin' thro the Rye", "Old Oaken Bucket", "Star Spangled Banner", "America," etc., and who, when called upon, responded in his or her squeaky, disguised voice.

The School Improvement Association met at the Public School building last Friday evening. The meeting being called to order by its president, M. L. Eaves. A short, but able program had been prepared. A reading, "The Death Disk", by Miss Elsie Burkett, an instrumental duet by Misses Frances Richards and Susie Shelby, vocal duet by Mesdames Jas. A. Finch and Albert O. Allen Jr.

A goodly number of teachers and patrons were present, showing a wide-awake interest in the needs of the school.

Plans were very ably discussed for the erection of a new public school building. The school board ordered that at the annual school election next April to vote for the issuing of bonds to the amount of \$23,000.00. The School Improvement Association is very much interested and enthused over the matter and appointed Rev. M. L. Eaves chairman to assist in pushing the plans through. It is hoped that the citizens of our community will realize that a good public school is the most needed essentials of all institutions, whereby the poor children can acquire an education that will be the means of uplifting many, and enable them to earn a livelihood. Let's get the school spirit and vote for the bond issue.

The School Improvement Association

tion have purchased a very fine stereopticon machine which was approved by the Board.

County Court Proceedings.

February term of court met March 22nd, 1921. Present: Presiding Judge L. M. Sarff, W. W. Largent, sheriff, Ambrose Kerr and Clerk C. L. V. Jones.

In matter D. C. Henry school loan ordered satisfied.

Bond of H. C. LaPlant overseer Road District No. 18, approved.

Bond of Harvie Colborn, overseer Road District No. 19, approved.

Bond Jno. Gullion, overseer Road District No. 3, approved.

Bill of Ed Wright pub. financial statement N. M. Co. \$384.00

Bill of Ed Wright Sup. Co. Supt. Co. School 6.50

Ambrose Kerr fees 111.60

School loan Philo LeSieur, Sr., approved to Pros. Atty. approval of abstract sum of \$450.00.

Bill of W. W. Largent drugs to Co. Farm \$ 21.79

Bill of Central State contract Reporter Pub. Dr. notice 63.00

Blackwell-Weilandy Furniture C. H. 197.50

T. E. Baker build dump approach at bridge ditch (P'ville) No. 29 269.00

Thos. E. Baker, cow for Co. Farm \$65.00

Court ordered that reward of \$100.00 be paid upon arrest and conviction of Floyd Burk and Thurman Caudle.

Bill Commercial Trust Co., frgt. on gravel \$3401.39

W. W. Largent, per diem 15.00

L. M. Sarff, per diem 20.00

Frisco Ry. Co., freight on gravel 44.78

Weekly Record Pub. and prtg. road notice 45.50

Project No. 40.

Bill of Newell Const. Co., rejected account freight rates, weights, etc.

Bid W. D. Lonergan was awarded contract to be made to said W. D. Lonergan.

Bid of Kelly Const. Co., irregular account contingencies.

In matter Fed. Proj. 40 and 120.

Bids were received on this day.

Representing the State Highway Board, Mr. Kirk McFarland 2nd Assistant Eng. M. S. Murray, Div. Eng.

Upon statement made and upon recommendation of Drs. O'Bannon & McKinney, P. P. Brogdon, ordered held for observation for thirty days.

Bids: Federal Proj. No. 40

Lewis, Rich, Const Co. \$270206.34

M. E. Gillios 274774.09

W. D. Lonergan Const. Co. 257199.32

Bids: Federal Proj. No. 120

Unit Const. Co. \$80,325.30

General Const. Co. 70,334.35

Albert Creek 70,549.16

Frazier Davis Const. Co. 73,694.25

W. D. Lonergan Const. Co. 80,651.80

M. E. Gillios 70,336.80

Managold Co. 70,262.52

Bid of E. S. Kelly disregarded account of contingencies attached.

Court adjourned to meet first Monday in April, 1921.

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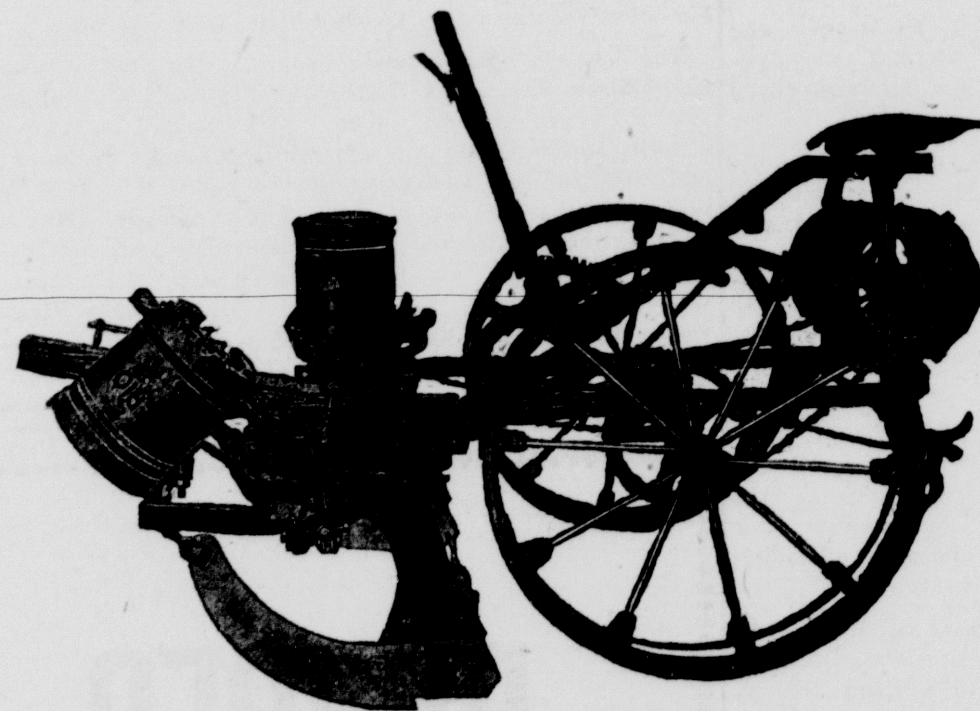
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Patent Vibrating Ribbon Steel Fertilizer Conductor Tubes. Clean inside.

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Farmers Supply Co.

New Building

THE CLEAN-UP DAY MEANS MUCH TO ALL

Tuesday afternoon the Civics Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the Woman's Club met in the Chamber of Commerce rooms to perfect the arrangements for Clean-Up Day, Tuesday, March 29.

Dr. T. V. Miller, chairman of the Board of Health, represented both the American Legion and the Board of Aldermen. His advice on the subject of sanitation is the highest in Southeast Missouri owing to his war experience, and it will be to him that the Civics Committees of both bodies will turn for advice in their endeavors to make Sikeston a more healthy place in which to live.

Mrs. J. C. Lescher, chairman of the Civics Committee of the Woman's Club, will divide the city off by wards and have her assistants make a house-to-house call with the Mayor's proclamation and explain to the women of the houses just what the Clean-Up Day means in order to get their hearty co-operation. In the residence section of the city it is expected to have all tin cans and rubbish of all kinds put in receptacles ready to be hauled away on that day. To use time in the outhouses, around the kitchen doors and other places that may breed disease and be breeding places for flies.

The committee from the Chamber of Commerce will meet at the room this morning, Friday, at 9 o'clock and make an inspection of conditions in the rear of restaurants, stores, hitching lots and alleys and then try to have conditions changed voluntarily, or report same to Board of Health with request that parties be forced to keep premises in a more sanitary condition.

Some of the most unsightly and disgusting spots of the city are right in the heart of the business district and should be made sweet and healthy.

Every truck and wagon in the city should be placed at the disposal of the committee for the full afternoon that all refuse may be hauled away without delay. Advise The Standard office of this request that assignments may be made to the different wards without confusion.

The Mayor has issued a proclamation calling on the public to assist in this work and asking that business houses be closed from 12 noon until 4 o'clock in order that the employees may lend a hand.

This Clean-Up Day may be the means of destroying pest holes in the city that may prevent the loss of life, therefore everyone should be interested in starting the summer season with clean premises. Let's all do our duty in this work, and start today.

U. S. POPULATION DENSITY 35.5 PERSONS PER MILE

Washington, March 21.—The average density of population throughout the United States, exclusive of outlying possessions, was 35.5 persons per square mile of land area in 1920, as against 30.9 in 1910, the Census Bureau announced today.

The density in the individual states in 1920 ranged from seven-tenths of one per square mile in Nevada to 566.4 in Rhode Island, the bureau announced. It exceeded 200 per square mile in five states, Rhode Island, with 564; Massachusetts, 479.2; New Jersey, 420; Connecticut, 286.4, and New York, 217.9.

The density figures for other states were: Alabama, 45.8; Arizona, 2.9; Arkansas, 33.4; California, 22; Colorado, 9.1; Delaware, 113.5; District of Columbia, 7,292.9; Florida, 17.7; Georgia, 49.3; Idaho, 5.2; Illinois, 115.7; Indiana, 81.3; Iowa, 43.2; Kansas, 21.6; Kentucky, 60.1; Louisiana, 39.6; Maine, 26.7; Maryland, 145.8; Michigan, 63.8; Minnesota, 29.05; Mississippi, 38.6; Missouri, 49.6; Montana, 3.9; Nebraska, 16.9; New Hampshire, 49.1; New Mexico, 2.9; North Carolina, 52.5; North Dakota, 9.2; Ohio, 141.4; Oklahoma, 29.2; Oregon, 8.2; Pennsylvania, 194.5; South Carolina, 55.2; South Dakota, 8.3; Tennessee, 56.1; Texas, 17.8; Utah, 5.5; Vermont, 38.6; Virginia, 57.4; Washington, 20.3; West Virginia, 60.9; Wisconsin, 47.6, and Wyoming, 2.

Mrs. W. R. Huckleby of Jacksonville, Ill., arrived Tuesday afternoon for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Anderson.

Cigarettes rolled in paper dyed delicate shades of rose, blue, green, orange and other tints to harmonize with their gowns, is the latest vogue among the women in Paris.

COMMUNITY PLAYERS ARE AFTER YOU AGAIN

The Sikeston Community Players are again actively engaged in daily and nightly rehearsal under the direction of William Triplett and will make their second appearance at the Malone Theatre, Tuesday night, March 29th, with several new faces in the cast.

The play selected for this occasion is a frolicsome comedy in three acts, entitled "Little Miss Susan" and is written, produced and presented wholly and solely for laughing purposes.

The story however, is very true to life and pictures the struggles of a jolly-good-fellow to extricate himself from a situation into which, through his own high-living and thoughtlessness he finds himself.

One innocent lie leads to another and complication follows complication until finally the scope involved is tremendous. One surprise happens after another "something is doing"; fast and furious, all the time.

The title role, that of "Susan", has been entrusted to Miss Jack Albright while Messrs Sid Schilling and Paul H. Slinkard are likewise new additions to the acting coterie. Mr. W. A. Schneider will again be seen behind "burnt cork"; with Mr. and Mrs. Triplett also appearing in the cast. Others have minor parts.

An exceptionally brilliant line of specialties will be presented between the acts by a carefully selected number of Sikeston's very talented musical artists, including among others, Misses Hazel Stubbs, Fern Scott, Messrs. Tom Russell, Harry Dover, Dr. Tonelli and Master Richard Stubbs, marking the first public appearance of the "Community Male Quartette" and the "Community Juvenile Sextette", all in addition to the full orchestra. The scale of prices remain as before. See advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

Remember our silk and georgette waist sale Monday morning from 9 to 10. Nothing reserved. All must go.—M. E. Martin.

Among the several out-of-town people who attended the show here Wednesday night were E. L. Griffin of Morehouse and Dr. Traubitz of Vanduser.

Mrs. J. H. Hess is visiting relatives in Cape Girardeau having gone up Tuesday, accompanied by Dr. Hess, who returned that afternoon on the Moose.

More and more people are getting their groceries at the Farmers Supply Co., because of the large saving being made on account of the low prices offered.

The ladies of the M. E. Church announce April 14-15-16 as the dates for their annual flower sale to be held at Albritton's Greenhouse. Don't forget the dates.

Misses Myrtle McFarling, Laura Belle McFarling, Ina Mae Moccabee, Kate Moccabee, Messrs Harold Engle, Harry Chapman, Frenzel, Rogers of Morehouse attended the show here Wednesday night.

Rufus Carter, age 58 years, died March 21 at the home of Mrs. Mollie Keith, corner of Scott and Center streets, Monday, March 21, of cancer of liver. Burial took place Tuesday afternoon in Sikeston cemetery.

J. P. O'Connell of St. Louis arrived Monday for a visit with his sister, Mrs. L. B. Adams and family.

The Caruthersville Woman's Club and Civic Association has named two of its members as candidates for membership on the Board of Education.

Misses Melvin Bowman and Ethel Decker arrived home Tuesday night from Lindenwood College, St. Charles to spend the Easter holidays with their parents. Miss Pauline French, also a student at Lindenwood, accompanied them to Sikeston and was the guest of Miss Decker until Wednesday morning, when she left for her home in Charleston.

Special work—work which will no doubt attract a large crowd of Odd Fellows, will be put on at the regular I. O. O. F. meeting to be held Tuesday evening in Odd Fellows Hall. Membership in this fraternity is increasing rapidly, the county boasting a gain of more than 200 members within the past year. The local order will be entitled to some 25 or 30 delegates to the Southeast Missouri I. O. O. F. to be held April 26th, in Portageville. The order will celebrate the one hundred and second anniversary at the Portageville meeting.

FOR EASTER

Coats, Dresses and Suits; of Silk Underwear, Georgettes, Wash Satins and Pussy Willow, including Gowns, Bloomers, Pajamas, Teddies and Vests

We added to our Ladies Ready-to-Wear Department

The Madam Grace Corset



To see them means convincingly and faultless. Have you ever worn one? If not, why not call and see one of the most complete lines of Corsets for Ladies and Misses. One of the main features of the Madam Grace Corset is the new Stylish Stout which gives youthful and graceful lines as well as ease and comfort. This Juvenile corset for the growing girl is conceded to be one of the best and for comfort it has no peer. You see, there is a Grace Corset for every known type of figure and every one has that wonderful power of lending beauty and of subduing defects.

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A new fitting room has been added to our department strictly private and for this special purpose. Our Corsetiere service is a matter of the selection, of exactly the model which will best suit your figure. When we fit you in a Grace Corset you may be certain that no other corset could so effectively transform your lines into just the lines you most desire.

Our Aprons which we offer at 95c are selling fast and only a few on hand, no more at this price after the lot is sold.

In shoes our grey suede pumps and oxfords arriving by every express and our bargain counters are full of attractions.



New Maxwell touring car \$750.00—Farmers Supply Co.

Farmers Supply Hardware and harness prices are always cheaper than some people have at sale prices.

Ned Tanner, Billie Smith and "Buddy" Matthews came in Wednesday night from Western Military Academy for the Easter holiday period.

Rev. G. C. Greenway, pastor of the Sikeston Baptist Church, has accepted an invitation to assist in the Special Easter Week services to be held next week at the First Baptist Church of Charleston. Rev. Greenway will have charge of the Wednesday night service.

Misses Abbie Morrison, Fleta Kizer, Dixie Fox, Honora Bailey and Eva Mae Hollister were guests of Miss Cleo Young at a "Bunkless" party given Wednesday night at her home, 203 South Kingshighway. The party of young girls "took in" the show at Malone Theatre and the dance which was given at the City Hall after the show.

Methodist Church

"Proofs in Man of the Resurrection" is the subject chosen by Rev. A. H. Barnes, pastor, for the Easter morning service. Presiding Elder Rev. H. P. Crowe, will conduct the Sunday evening service.

Lutheran Church.

Lutheran Easter Service will be held Sunday evening at the City Hall at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Otis Gentry came in Sunday from Jonesboro, Ark., for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Lou Greer.

A Duroc Jersey gilt, sold by W. H. Sikes, proprietor of Blue Ribbon Stock Farm, at the swine sale held in this city, March 8th, and which was bought by Earl Aulsten of Essex, Mo., farrowed 18 pigs. Another of the gilts bought by Lem Hamby, farrowed 10 pigs. All the pigs are alive and doing fine.

BEST BALL TEAM FOR OLD SIKESTON

In the first practice game of the season here Sunday afternoon, Sikeston defeated a picked team composed of members of both Canalou and Morehouse by the score of 4-0. The game was played in fast time considering the earliness of the season and the condition of the players. Fans were surprised when they saw Byron Bowman behind the bat for Sikeston, as he had never been in that position before. He looked more at home behind the bat than he did at any other position all last season, which causes the fans to wonder if he will not be another Lee Bowman behind the bat. The writer has been told that Lee has played almost every position on the team with indifferent success until one day the manager being sadly in need of a good catcher, decided to put Bowman back there and Lee immediately became a star in that place. His brother Byron may do the same thing for he has the ideal build, a good arm and is even better than Lee on foul balls judging by his showing in this practice. Needless to say that he will get plenty of work there this coming season.

Old Bill Malone, who can always be depended upon to do the hardest work on the team without a grumble, hurled part of the game and then played the remainder in old position in left field, where he made a beautiful catch of a long liner. The ball looked good for at least three bases, but Malone turned and made a circus catch. Bill will do this seasons.

Malone was relieved by a pitcher named Aidelot. Little is known of this fellow, but he has some real speed and showed good form during his stay on the rubber. A little early yet but he will be given every chance to make good.

Bloomfield played first and as he had no competition he did not have to extend himself very much. Just wait until Payne's knee comes around and then the fun will start for Eli can play any position on the infield and none of the infielders feel very safe with him hanging around. There is no question about Bloomfield's fielding for any of the infielders say that he makes a good target to throw at and if he picks up in his hitting this year we won't have to worry about first base.

Belden was given a chance to perform at second, but he didn't receive any chances, so the writer will have to wait until some future time to criticize him. He played third last year, but Manager Malone decided to give him a chance at second for his arm is not strong as a third baseman's should be.

Dudley was placed at third and made a fairly good showing. He had a good day in the field but did nothing with the bat. If this fellow could only hit with the rest of the team, Sikeston would have a real star. Anyone can learn to field, but it takes the boy who can hit that old apple to win games.

A school boy named Crain is being given a trial at short. He looks good in the field, but disappointed at the bat. Of course, we must remember, he was playing without any previous practice. He is one of the fastest boys on the squad and he should make the team if he hits anything at all.

Dowdy, Brown, Malcolm and Bloomfield were given trials in the outfield. All looked good with Dowdy drawing the prize for a long wallop to center for two bags. This boy looks like a comer and should go higher in a short time. Every man will be given a fair trial and Mr. Malone has suggested to the writer that we invite anyone who even thinks he can play ball or knows anyone who can play ball or knows anyone who can play to come out to the Fair Grounds next Sunday and work out with the boys.

A contract has been sent Tod Sloan and he will more than likely sign this contract before this paper is printed. He is a real star and Poplar Bluff will find that she has a hard time trying to fulfill her slogan of "Beat Sikeston", with this fellow in the box. We know how hard she tried to beat him last year and just how sick they were the next day when he relieved the Sikeston pitcher after pitching sixteen innings the day before. Indeed the Bluff has some job ahead.

Car seed oats just arrived.—Farmers Supply Co.

Mrs. Lillie McGee of Kewanee transacted business in Sikeston Thursday.

DENMAN MOVING HIS COMMITTEE WORK

The Sikeston Chamber of Commerce is going to stimulate the raising of more and better corn in this district by encouraging farmer boys to give special attention to that phase of farm activities. The production committee of the Chamber, at a meeting held Tuesday evening, decided to organize a boys' corn club in the vicinity of Sikeston and as a special inducement will give to each boy entering the club enough pure-bred seed to plant an acre. The boys can plant any variety of corn they choose and can, if they prefer, furnish their own seed.

Each applicant to enter the contest must have his application approved by his county agent and his school teacher. New Madrid county boys will get County Agent H. C. Hensley, of New Madrid, to approve their applications, and Scott County boys will get County Agent W. E. Foard, of Oran, to approve their applications. These county agents will give directions and oversee the planting, cultivating, harvesting and weighing each acre yield, and will certify the yield, quality and cost to the Chamber of Commerce. Each applicant must also promise to enter ten ears of his yield at the Southeast Missouri District Fair in Sikeston next fall.

Prizes will be offered for best yields and the boys will be given every encouragement possible to set up some new records in corn raising in the Sikeston District.

The sub-committee having the corn club in charge is composed of Theo. Hopper, D. B. Kevil, Dan McCoy and F. H. Smith.

Further information and blanks for keeping records can be obtained by calling on or addressing C. H. Denman, chairman Production Committee, Sikeston, Mo.

The Production Committee also decided to start one or two pig clubs in the near future. Detailed information concerning this will be given out later. The pig club work will be in charge of W. H. Sikes, Arnold Roth and E. A. Matthews.

The committee is going to make an effort to revive the Scott County Poultry Association, with the hope of having a poultry show in Sikeston next fall or winter, and also, if possible, a poultry show at the fair. J. J. Reiss and Marion McFarland will cooperate with local poultry fanciers in giving more encouragement to the raising of more and better fowls.—C. H. Denman.

GERMANY TO DECLINE TO PAY \$250,000,000 DUE TOMORROW

Berlin, March 22.—Germany's reply to the demand of the Entente for the payment before March 23 of 1,000,000,000 marks, gold (\$250,000,000), to apply on reparations obligations will be in the negative, it was unofficially stated today.

The allied reparations commission, in a note sent March 16, demanding fulfillment by Germany of article 235 of the peace treaty, notified the German Government that it must pay 1,000,000,000 marks, gold, before March 23, and that she must complete the payment of 20,000,000,000 marks, gold, by May 1. Germany was given until April 1 to submit a proposal to pay the balance of the 20,000,000,000 marks otherwise than in cash, having the privilege to bring forward a plan for a foreign loan, the proceeds of which should be payable to the commission. It was announced by the commission, however, that Germany had virtually refused to pay the balance, asserting that the 20,000,000,000 marks have already been paid in full. The allied representative stated that the greatest sum they could compute as having been paid by Germany against this account could hardly reach 8,000,000,000 marks by May 1.

Baptist Church.

Regular services at the Baptist church next Sunday.

Sunday School at 9:45. Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Morning subject: "The certainty and Importance of the Resurrection." Evening subject: "The New Life." Special music will be rendered by the choir.

B. Y. P. U. Jr. and Sr. meet at 6:30 p. m.

We welcome you to each of these services.

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C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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ers wanting the news while it is
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quick results, it is the best medium.The Standard announces the follow-
ing new rates for advertising effective
August 1, 1920:Display advertising, per single column
inch, net25c
Reading notices per line.....10c
Financial statements for banks.....\$6.00
Probate notices, minimum.....\$5.00The Standard announces the follow-
ing new rates for subscription effec-
tive September 1, 1920:Yearly subscription anywhere in Scott
and adjoining counties.....\$2.00
Yearly subscription elsewhere in
United States.....\$2.50
No renewal allowed at present rate
for longer than one year.Foreign Advertising Representative
THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATIONThe cold rain of Monday night and
Tuesday morning was a terrible shock
to the early worm and the early b.
v. d's. I say it was!Sunday, April 3, is set aside by
the Chicago W. C. T. U. as a day of
observance against tobacco. This
sort of a campaign has been talked
of for some time and it looks like
things have come to a pretty pass
when some he-women can start an-
other move in an attempt to take
from mere man another of his rights.
If they will make the fight against
women smokers, The Standard will
be with them, but there's nothing do-
ing against the he smokers.Dr. Malone, Scott County Repre-
sentative at Jefferson City, will spell-
bind at the Malone Theater Sunday
afternoon and will tell his constitu-
ents of how he followed the lead of
the caucus leaders and voted "yes"
every time they held up their thumb,
and "no" every time their thumb was
turned down. He is a party man,
though elected by Democratic votes,
and that being so, there was nothing
else for him to do but jump side ways
when the leader cracked his whip.The Story of
Our StatesBy JONATHAN BRACE
II.—PENNSYLVANIATHE second
state to
adopt the Con-
stitution was
Pennsylvania.
Its area of
45,125 square
miles is larger
than the combined New Eng-
land states, except Maine, with
New Jersey thrown in for good
measure. Its name means
"Penn's Woodland" and was so
named by King Charles II, who
granted this territory to the
Quaker, William Penn, and
named it in commemoration of
Penn's father, who had been a
distinguished admiral and on
terms of peculiar friendship and
intimacy with the royal family.
This grant was made in lieu of
£10,000, which the king owed Ad-
miral Penn. On this basis it
originally cost about \$2 a square
mile.Pennsylvania has assumed
such an important place among
the states that it is often called
the Keystone state. This term
was probably derived originally
because her name was carved
on the keystone of the bridge
over Rock creek, between Wash-
ington and Georgetown. Later on
it was applied on account of the
great importance of the state in
national elections. Its delega-
tion to congress totals 38, sec-
ond only in size to that from
New York, and Pennsylvania
accordingly has 38 presidential
electors.William Penn first came over
to America in 1682. The follow-
ing year he laid out the city of
Philadelphia, or "Brotherly
Love," which was named after
a biblical city in Asia Minor. As
Pennsylvania was the only col-
ony without a seacoast, Penn
obtained from the duke of York
the control of Delaware, and un-
til the Revolution these two
provinces were under the same
proprietary government. Quar-
rels with Maryland over bound-
aries caused a formal survey
to be made by two surveyors,
Mason and Dixon, and it was
this which became famous dur-
ing the Civil war as the Mason
and Dixon line, the dividing
mark between the slave and the
free states.
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Harding and the Doctors

It is not so much a question just
now of what path, but of what pathic
the Harding administration shall
take. The appointment of Dr. Saw-
yer of Marion, O., to be a Brigadier-
General in the army, watchful guar-
dian of White House health and fam-
ily doctor extraordinary to the Amer-
ican people, has started something
which, allopathically speaking, is
likely to result in a congressional in-
quiry into prescription hieroglyphics.
Dr. Sawyer is a homeopathic practi-
tioner. That is to say, he believes
the only troubles a sick man has are
to be found in the inadequacy of his
sickness. In other words, to be strictly
scientific, Dr. Sawyer effects a cure
by giving his patient two cases in-
stead of the measly, half-hearted case
already presented. Now that isn't the
way the allopathic fraternity works
at all. The allopath believes in ad-
ministering a treatment that is en-
tirely different from this disease and
as much worse than the disease as he
can arrange to make it. Most of the
medical men of the army are of the
allopathic persuasion. They have the
army's health record behind them as
a pretty substantial prop in their out-
cry against the appointment of a
homeopathic, or pacifist, practitioner.
So the war is on. The Christian Sci-
entists are hopping about gleefully on
the sidelines, praying, absently and
otherwise, that the worst will come
and that the combatants will go to
the operating table with each other
before the day is done.—The Willing-
ton (N. C.) Star.

Our Army in Peace

At present there are about 520,000
in khaki. Even the men who were
most strongly advocatng prepared-
ness in 1916—such men as Julius
Kahn in the House and James W.
Wadsworth in the Senate—regard any
such standing force as excessive un-
der present conditions. The debate
as to whether the figure should be
placed at 150,000 or 175,000 strikes
most observers as futile. What is
really needed is a "skeleton force"
large enough for routine purposes,
and so organized that it can be rapid-
ly enlarged in case of emergency. The
policy of Great Britain seems to be
about the same. So long as these two
countries have already taken a stand
for limiting the size of their armies
there is really no need of an inter-
national conference to discuss this
subject. A land force such as is now
proposed for this country involves no
possibility of aggression. Indeed, the
one thing which lies least heavily up-
on the American mind today is the
fear of an attack from any source—
from the sea or from the land. Our
position is quite different from that
in the few years which preceded the
World War. The rapidity with which
we gathered our resources, the skill
and spirit with which we sent 2,000-
000 men to Europe, the fighting qual-
ities they displayed—these things
gave the world an object lesson it
will not soon forget. Thus the Uni-
ted States has everything to gain
from disarmament and nothing to
lose.—The World's Work.

Prohibition Enforcement.

As a student of Kraepelin, the
most scientific and original of alco-
hol's enemies, I learned, years ago,
how indisputable are the proofs, ex-
perimental and others, which show
that alcohol, even in small quanti-
ties, impairs temporarily the finer in-
tellectual qualities. * * * Alcohol is
not responsible for all the crimes in
the calendar, although all are imput-
ed to it; and in the second place, it
seemed to me a risky experiment to
wrench out of existence abruptly, on
a set date, any substance which for
centuries has been so fixed in human
customs as alcohol has. For it is,
after all, a sacramental symbol of
religion, a part of the ceremonies con-
nected with marriage, birth and
death, and many of the celebrations
which stir and unite people's souls.
It seemed psychologically impossible
for a radical operation like that to
take place without an extremely un-
wholesome reaction. What the reac-
tion will be—social unrest, criminal-
ism, resort to drugs—no one knows.
For political reasons, perhaps, legis-
lators keep themselves uninformed
about such factors in racial decline
as mental deficiency, epilepsy and in-
sanity, all more frequent than chronic
alcoholism. People delude themselves
into believing that when prohibition
is enforced the country will need no
more saving; and legislators, hard of
hearing before, become stone-deaf to
the arguments which represent that
the problems of degeneracy will not
have been met by the removal of al-
cohol.—Dr. Pearce Bailey in North
American Review.Commanding officers in France un-
der military law, have the right to
perform marriage ceremonies.In the British navy, the kings of
Denmark, Norway and Sweden are
the only foreign sovereigns who rank
as honorary admirals.

County Government.

There is little doubt that we could
improve the efficiency of county gov-
ernment very greatly by adapting to
our county organization the principle
of the commission form of govern-
ment or the city manager plan. The
work of county governments falls
pretty clearly into two divisions.
There is the work of law enforce-
ments for one thing, and the busi-
ness affairs of the county government
for another. Why can we not have
at each county a county manager who
will be the sole responsible head of
the county government? The respon-
sibility of law enforcement should cer-
tainly rest definitely upon the shoul-
ders of one officer instead of playing
hide and seek, as it now does, be-
tween County Attorney, Sheriff, Cor-
oner, Constable and grand jury. The
responsibility for the efficient conduct
of the business affairs of the county
should rest definitely upon the shoul-
ders of one officer.—Glenn Frank in
Century Magazine.The editor of this sheet is both un-
derpaid and underfed. Come a-run-
ning with that subscription you owe
us. You don't know just how bully
it makes us feel to have a few "bucks"
in our jeans. Tickle us.—St. Mary's
(W. Va.) Leader.One thousand union painters, pa-
per hangers and decorators of St.
Louis have refused a cut in their
wages of 20 per cent. They now
get \$1.25 an hour for work and sol-
dier on the job if they wish to and
an employer cannot fire one of them
for it. If he does, a strike is called
and they will endeavor to put him
out of business.Because hob-nailed shoes of 200
American soldiers, who guarded the
American peace commission in Paris,
ruined the polished floors and rugs of
the Hotel Crillon, to the extent of
\$125,870, the management has ren-
dered a bill to the government for
damages.On a hillside overlooking the Mo-
nongahela River, in the heart of the
coal fields, near Pittsburgh, Pa., two
light, illuminating the honor roll of
miners of that district who partici-
pated in the world war, are burning
every night, and have been burning
since the tablet was erected more
than a year ago.Clara Smith Hamon, recently re-
ceived into a church at Ardmore,
Okla., and who has been acquitted of
the murder of Jake Hamon, is to go
into movies. Here is the place for
the public to refuse to patronize any-
picture show who screens such wom-
en as Clara Smith Hamon, former
mistress of the man she was acquit-
ted of murdering.Col. Schalpaach, of the Swiss ar-
my, in an address at a recent confer-
ence in Berne, Switzerland, compli-
mented the American army of occu-
pation on the Rhine, as "the most
up-to-date of all the armies in the
world." The efficiency and good ap-
pearance of the American troops, the
excellence of their discipline and or-
ganization, and their military fitness
were praised by the speaker.A doctor assures us that children,
like pretty much everything else,
have their growing season, which be-
gins about now and continues until
the last of November. They grow
fastest in the period from March to
August, and less in that between
August and December. Between De-
cember and March growth is almost
standstill. It is in the season of
strawberry shortcake or some other
early-summer appetizer that boys
suddenly shoot out of short pants and
girls begin to overtop their aston-
ished mothers. That being so, let us
all hope the present growing season
is a mild one. We have not yet had
enough reconstruction in the things
worn by young people to make too
much replenishment a pleasant pros-
pect.—Post-Dispatch.The greatest piece of political rob-
bery that has ever been attempted in
the State of Missouri is the redistrict-
ing the judicial circuits of the State.
The way the Republicans have cut
things up, about one dozen Democra-
tic judges, who were elected by the
people, will be juggled out of their
jobs, while only one Republican judge
will be deposited. In Democratic Kan-
sas City, two Courts of Appeals will
be eliminated while Republican St.
Louis retains all of her courts. In-
stead of reducing the number of
courts in the State, they should have
been increased as the dockets are so
crowded now that the judges are be-
hind with their work. The pie-hun-
gry horde of Republicans must be
fed and as they could not be elected
by the people the Republican Gov-
nor and caucus leaders had to legis-
late jobs for them. Thanks to the
referendum the crime has only been
attempted.

The Standard \$2.00 per year.

State Colleges Now Offer Market
Courses to Farmers.A big, expensive obstruction will
be taken out of the road that leads
from producer to consumer when the
Bureau of Markets, United States De-
partment of Agriculture, extends
marketing science to the agricultural
educational agencies as is now pro-
posed. In growing his crop the farm-
er has done only half his work; his
own profits and the satisfaction of
his customers are not assured until
the product has been marketed effi-
ciently. For seven years the Bureau
of Markets has been collecting in-
formation upon this subject, and this
material has now been boiled down
into such shape that it may be taught
in schools and colleges along with the
other specialties and sciences that go
into the profession of agriculture.The Bureau of Markets will not at-
tempt to create new educational agen-
cies, but will use those already pro-
vided. Schools and colleges will be
given an opportunity to offer market-
ing courses to their students, and
moving pictures, lectures, and pam-
phlets will carry the information to
those who are unable to attend regu-
lar institutions.The subjects now ready for such
extension include organization
methods and business methods for
co-operative associations, the stand-
ardization of farm products, better
packing and shipping, transportation,
market inspection, market informa-
tion, exhibits and demonstrations, and
warehousing. Practically all the farm-
ers marketing problems are reach-
ed by these subjects, but in cases
which require it, the subjects will be
modified and specialized to suit par-
ticular needs.

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Increase of Wild Fowl Since Pas-
sage of Migratory Law.Washington, March 22.—Conser-
vation of water and marsh areas is
necessary to the perpetuation of the
migratory wild fowl, the Department
of Agriculture declared in a state-
ment today.Reports received by the Biological
Survey during the last few months
show there has been an increase of
wild fowl since the passage of the
migratory bird law. The statement
also says that, under proper condi-
tions, "water farming" of many
lakes and ponds and of marsh and of
swampy lands will yield a larger re-
turn than would the same area drain-
ed and used for agriculture.Dr. E. W. Nelson, chief of the sur-
vey, declared the rapidly increasing
drainage of lakes and marshes thru-
out the country indicates that wild
fowl resorts and feeding places will
be practically eliminated from most
of the states unless a considerable
number of the best of them are con-
served.

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ton delivered. \$6.25 at car.—Wm.
Day Transfer Co.The United States army is short
of 2,585 second lieutenants.J. W. Baker Sr., J. W. Baker Jr.,
and Miss Frances Baker left Tues-
day afternoon for a few days stay in
St. Louis.Mrs. P. M. Malcolm accompanied
her sister, Mrs. E. I. Haws, to Chaf-
fee, Tuesday, for a few days visit.
Mrs. Haws and children were guests
at the Malcolm home all last week.As a result of their experience in
the world war, the general staff of
the French army has decided in the
reconstruction of its frontier forts to
place them all in valleys instead, as
formerly, on the summits of hills.Sidney Hocks is going to drop all
his other trades and professions and
will answer an advertisement which
beseeches ambitious persons to earn
big money during spare time at home,
experience and work not necessary.
He reads where one fellow, with his
hair roached up in front, made a
fraction over three hundred dollars
in one week, over and above his
regular salary of twelve dollars a
week at his old job.—Hogville News.Despite the fact that a certain cold-
ness exists between the inhabitants
of the occupied regions of Germany
and the American army, it is said
that 3,000 United Soldiers have mar-
ried German girls.BARRED ROCK
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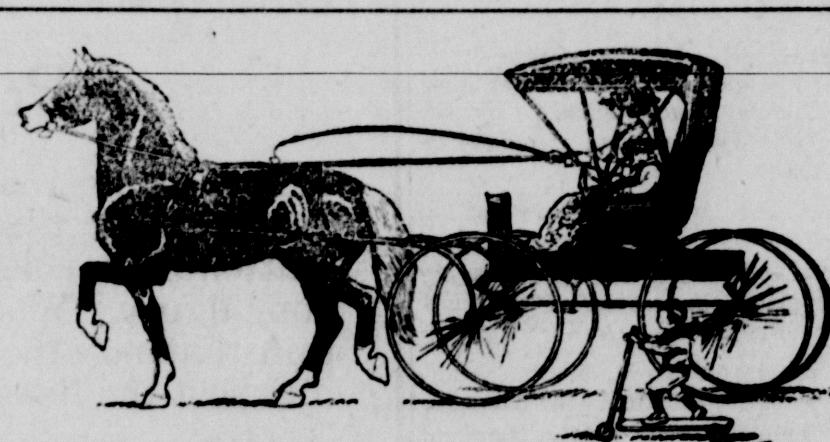
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Why Don't I Go To Church? By Walt Mason.

Upon a recent Sabbath afternoon I adjusted my person in a rocking-chair on the front porch, and prepared to have a good time reading Fox's "Book of Martyrs." Samuel Jingle-son, my next-door neighbor, was fixing the tin roof on his kitchen, and making a great clatter, which disturbed me slightly, but not enough to stir my wrath.

Presently, however, Aunt Dorcas came out of the house quite indignant. "It is a shame," she said, "the way that man next door destroys the peace of the Sabbath, with his hammering and swearing. I have been trying to read Charlie Spurgeon's sermons, and can't get any sense out of them for the noise. If you had the spirit of a grasshopper you would go over there and tell him where to get off."

I have more spirit than many grasshoppers, and I went over to Jingle-son's, and climbed the ladder until my face was flush with the roof, and then spoke in a commanding tone of voice, ordering him to cease his unholy racket. In an equally commanding tone he instructed me to go to the creek and immerse my head.

Whereupon I adopted argumentative tactics, and pointed out that his course was morally wrong, and a violation of one of the commandments. Then he argued at great length that Saturday, and not Sunday, is the Sabbath, and consequently he was violating no law or commandment. Seeing that argument would lead us nowhere, I appealed to him, as a gentleman and scholar, to cut out the noise, since he greatly disturbed my aunt.

"Why didn't you say so in the first place?" he inquired. "No man can say that Samuel Adolphus Jingle-son ever willfully and wantonly annoyed the ladies."

Then he gathered up his tools and slid off the tin roof and broke a leg when he hit the ground.

The moral of this modern instance is that you can get the freeborn American citizen to do anything if you approach him in the right way.

That forenoon I had attended church. The pastor was a man of delicate physique and spiritual face. His hands were small and white, like those of a woman, and he was pardonably proud of them, keeping them in view all the time. He had a musical, caressing voice. He seemed a creature remote from all contact with modern life. It was impossible to imagine him crawling under an automobile to see what in thunder was the matter with the crank-case, or rearing up from the bleachers to express a few drastic sentiments concerning the umpire.

His sermon was a sort of vindication of Aaron, so far as I could understand it before I dropped off to sleep. It seemed that Aaron, in the absence of Moses, weakly yielded to the demands of the Israelites and erected the golden calf. The parson admitted that this was a bad break, but seemed to think it rather an error of judgment, an not an indication of inferior character. He was outlining the circumstances that led up to Aaron's mistake when I lost consciousness.

As we drifted out of church people were saying that it was a fine, helpful discourse, and they could take a fresh grip on life, now that they could dismiss all anxiety as to Aaron's true character; but to me it seemed the climax of futility. It is hard for me to get excited over the doings of people who died five or six thousand years ago, when I know dozens of good men who are out of work, and whose children are wading through snowdrifts in open-work shoes.

At the time when this sermon was delivered the profiteers of the town had jacked up the rents to such a degree that people in moderate circumstances couldn't have roofs over their heads, and scores of families were living in tents, although the nights were bitter cold. There were a hundred vital problems shrieking for solution—problems of the present day and age—and a man of education and gifts could find it in his heart to preach of Aaron and the golden calf!

Why don't men go to church? We hear the question every day, and a thousand answers are given, and a thousand reasons may be advanced, each one with a basis of truth.

It has been my fortune to spend most of my life in towns of about 10,000 inhabitants. The West is liberally supplied with such towns. Each state has about a dozen of them. In their youth these towns were going to be new Chicagos; they had the Natural Advantages, and the Pep and Punch, and their Leading Business Men were born boosters, and nothing could head them off from crimson glory and undying fame. They grew and grew, like the beanstalk of history, until they reached the ten-thousand mark, and they stuck there, and never grew any more. It is as a lifelong resident in such towns that I refer to the church-going question—a topic one must approach with his hat off.

Alfalfa Center has its 10,000 inhab-

itants and has stagnated there forever. She has eighteen churches. Two of them are well attended and seem prosperous. The pastors draw salaries on which they can live in reasonable comfort, and they wear tailor-made clothes and hold their heads high as pastors should, for the church and its ministers should be dignified, and not objects of compassion. These two churches have pipe organs and choirs, and the music is so good that anesthetics are not necessary.

The other churches are just scratching along the best they can. Each has its minister who believes he was "called" to his sacred work, and that he is doing good in the world. But he is shabby and his church is shabby, and his stipend is a pitiful thing. The members of his church are mostly women, and they have to organize church suppers and bazaars and pass the hat in one way or another to buy the pastor new slippers and provide coal and kerosene for the church. You must live in a small town to understand the heartbreaking shifts the women resort to, to keep the bankrupt churches going.

On a sabbath morning the minister appears in his pulpit to deliver a helpful discourse. His congregation is the size of a corporal's guard. A few people scattered in the pews, here and there. The church is too hot or too cold. There is a broken window and a hole in the roof. No man born of woman could make a talk worth while, under such conditions. In his youth the minister probably was filled with righteousness, enthusiasm, but he is growing old, and he has seen no results after years of work, and his people sit before him like graven images, and a cold wind is blowing on the back of his neck, and so he can only drone through a tiresome sermon treating of things thousands of years old, when the world is aching with today's sickness and weariness.

Men don't go to his church; the atmosphere of such a place would make them blue for a week. In these modern times the institution that would command the respect and support of men must be solvent.

We hear much about the Men in the Street, the Toms, Dicks and Harrys, as the ones who shun the churches. Well, Tom, Dick and Harry haven't much use for the concern that is shabby and run down at the heel, whether the concern be a church or a movie theater.

Every Western town of 10,000 has from fifteen to twenty churches. These separate churches exist because of doctrinal differences which seem important to theologians, but which look like piffle to Tom, Dick and Harry. These superficial gents have the idea that the fifteen or twenty churches could consolidate, pool their resources, and have one fine tabernacle, with a humdinger of a preacher, and music that would be more attractive than a joy-ride in a henrycar. Why not pay \$10,000 a year to a real pulpit orator instead of distributing it to fifteen or twenty discouraged divines who have to wear patched pants in the pulpit? The proposition seems reasonable to Tom, Dick and Harry; but the elders of the churches sweat blood when such a thing mentioned. The First Vegetarian Church unite with the Reformed Calvinistic Church! Treason! Send for the police and fire department at once.

The churches won't get together and offer an attractive program. Better continue the age old policy, embracing shabby buildings and starved preachers, than compromise on any small point of doctrine. The First Vegetarian Church holds to the theory that the collection should be taken up by a man; the Calvinistic church permits women to perform this function. Such a gulf can never be bridged merely as a bid for popular favor.

Why don't men go to church? The question is so urgent that in several Kansas towns the "drive" machinery is at work, dragging people into the synagogue. The towns are canvassed by squads of Willing Workers, headed by captains, and every citizen is asked to make the pledge that he will go to church the following Sunday.

The next legislature will be asked to pass a law requiring people to go to church, or face a penalty. And of course the pastors, who know so much more about theology than about human nature, are eagerly back of this movement, and if the law is not placed upon the books it will not be their fault.

And here we see one major reason why Tom, Dick and Harry are weary of the church and its ministers. These ministers are like the Bourbons they learn anything, and never forget anything. They can't realize that the people now on earth have liberal minds, that they resent being driven and coerced.

Propose any sort of law that will make people uncomfortable and deprive them of some pleasure or amusement and the preachers are back of it, as one man. They are animated by the same old spirit that governed when people were burned at

the stake because their belief was different from the belief of those who had the power to burn them.

We should find tolerance and kindness and patience in the church, but these virtues are not there. It should strive to lead men by moral suasion, but it wants to drive them with a spiked club.

Admitting that the preachers are right in trying to legislate evil out of existence, is it a good policy, if they really desire to increase the church membership and lure Tom, Dick and Harry into the long-drawn aisles and fretted vaults of the cathedral?

Tom, Dick and Harry smoke tobacco. So did Raleigh and Tennyson and Carlyle and Fitzgerald and a hundred great men.

Tobacco is one of the great blessings of the world. Because of its use thousands of men are quiet, law-abiding citizens, who would otherwise be anarchists; for its soothing influence makes men contented with their lot, and is an antidote to angry passions. She weary toiler returns to his cottage in the evening feeling that he is ground down by the iron heel of tyranny; but when he sits on the front porch with his pipe in his shelf-worn face, and smokes a few stanzas, he concludes that the world is a pretty fair resort, after all, and forgets his resentment. The peace of countless families is maintained because the Old Man gets solace from his pipe.

Tobacco contributes to the friendliness and good understanding of the world. There is no scriptural injunction against its use, and no sound moral argument against it. But now the reformers are campaigning against tobacco, and they will have the united support of the churches. The pastor maddens Tom, Dick and Harry by trying to deprive them of the chief comfort of their misfit lives, an dthen wondering why these misguided individuals don't put on their lavender neckties and go to the sanctuary to hear him preach.

As remarked in the opening section of this essay, the freeborn American citizen can be induced to do almost anything, if properly approached; but our friends the parsons have a positive genius for taking the wrong way. If the reverend gentlemen are convince that tobacco is an evil, they are privileged to argue against it and persuade people to abandon the habit; and they will be considered good sports. But nothing will do but a law making it a felony to be found with a pipe or cigar.

Many drastic laws governing American life are now threatened, and the preachers are backing all of them, and have suggested some of them. Among other proposed laws is one making it a crime to drive an auto on the Sabbath.

Countless good citizens go to church on Sunday morning, with their wives, children and aunts; they chip in liberally when the contribution box comes along; they dig up to paint the church and pay the janitor and give the pastor a set of false teeth as a Christmas present. They listen with interest to sermons based on ancient history, and when the services are over, and they have eaten some canned beans, they back the family auto out of the garage and take the wives, children and aunts for a leisurely trip in the country, where the beauties of nature may be observed without extra charge.

These excellent citizens work all through the week in their offices, shops, or stores, and have no other opportunity to get a slant at the beauties of nature. And when their little harmless excursions are forbidden by law, under pain of a life sentence to the penitentiary, their enthusiasm for the church, that helped to clamp down such a law, may be imagined. If this law actually is placed upon the books, and I expect it will be, for the reformers nowadays seem able to put anything across, it will deprive the churches of tens of thousands of their most liberal supporters.

One trouble with the preachers is that they know nothing of human nature. They live in a little sheltered world of their own; they are surrounded by women, and their problems are chiefly concerned with the next oyster or Sabbath School picnic. They are aloof from the real life of this world.

I have lived in two towns where three were colleges in which young men were prepared for the ministry. Most of the young men came from the farms, where the current problems had to do with setting hens and cows going dry. From the college they went forth into the churches; young men, full of pious zeal, but knowing absolutely nothing of human life, human burdens, human tears and suffering. What comfort could these young men preachers give to the weary and heavy-laden? The majority of clergymen travel the same pathway into the church. All their knowledge is theology, and theology is a cold, dead thing. If a man would give a real comfort, real service, he must have

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Said a famous Frenchman, visiting America for the first time: "Ah—you Americans—you are the cleanest clothed people in the world. I envy you." We have reason to believe he meant what he said.

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Superintendent Miles C. Thomas has received a definite answer from Dr. W. C. Bitting, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of St. Louis, who will deliver the commencement address to the graduates of Sikeston High School on Thursday evening.

May 19th. Dr. Bitting is one of the most successful ministers of the district and Sikeston High School is indeed fortunate to have him for this occasion. Small iron safe for sale.—Farmers Supply Co.

Mrs. Ranney Applegate will entertain a few friends this afternoon (Friday) at Bridge, at her home, 204 Tanner Street. Mrs. E. L. Rogers of Portageville visited her sister, Miss Elsie Smart, Monday.

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Why Don't I Go To Church?

lived like a human being. It would be a good thing for the churches if all the young preachers had to graduate from the missions in the slums, if for a season they had to be close to real misery, hardship, suffering and poverty.

Once having entered the church, the young preachers are remote from every genuine human interest. They have a natural desire to display the erudition they gained in college and they deliver sermons full of sound and fury which, for all their applicability to human affairs, might as well be delivered in Spitzbergen as in Kansas or Georgia. The longer they are in the ministry the more remote they become from the real life around them; the very garb they wear keeps them in a class by themselves. They have no understanding of the human attributes of Tom, Dick and Harry; and yet they unwisely determine to regulate these delegates by law, while urging them to go to church.

Prohibition without doubt is a good thing, or will be when it has settled down; but its enforcement was followed by the greatest crime wave this country ever endured, and that crime wave still sweeps the land, to the terror of policemen and jurists. Perhaps the crime wave is due to the sudden clamping down of the prohibition law, but it is a fact that the people are in an exasperated state of mind, and not in the right mood to welcome an avalanche of blue laws, making it a felony to smoke, or chew gum, or drink circus lemonade.

With fatuous zeal the preachers of the country are advocating such laws, at the worst time they could have chosen in a hundred years. In Delaware they induced the police to arrest business men for playing cards; in Florida they draped works of art with petticoats, that pious eyes might not be shocked; in Kansas they are pursuing cigarette smokers with Torquemada enthusiasm; everywhere they are doing as much as they can to inflame public resentment against the church, and yet when they pause from their labors they innocently ask why people don't go to church.

It is a question one must approach with his hat off, and my hat has been off from the first. Nobody has more respect or reverence for the real church, the church of good works and high examples. I have merely tried to advance, in the Kansas language, the inward sentiments of Tom, Dick and Harry, in whom there is nothing subtle.

The W. C. T. U. met Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of the M. E. Church with only four members in attendance, owing to the inclemency of the weather. Mrs. Maude Stubbs, president, presided and read a letter from Mrs. Nellie G. Berger in which was outlined plans for the new work of the W. C. T. U. The Union has decided to accept Mr. Altheide's proposition for a community play ground. Mr. Altheide is to supply \$2000 of playground equipment and a committee was appointed to select and make all arrangements for a suitable location. The next meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon, April 6th.

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The meeting was addressed by H. H. Lotter, Senior Federal Engineer of Missouri, and M. M. De Vorkin, Engineer in charge of Construction from Jefferson City.

The meeting was attended by D. M. Scivally of Cape Girardeau, in charge of the concrete road work now building in that county; F. W. Sayers of Charleston, in charge of the concrete road under construction in Mississippi County; E. H. Robinson of Sikeston, in charge of Kingshighway construction in Scott County and work under construction in Ripley County; Jack Shelton, in charge of construction of Kingshighway in New Madrid county; F. J. Noonan, of Malden, in charge of work in Dunklin County, and the Malden-Risco road in New Madrid county; T. H. Jennings, in charge of road construction in Pemiscot County.

The matter of handling the work to the best advantage this season was discussed in an experience meeting of the men present, and definite plans for work outlined.

Most of the construction work has been closed down during the winter months, but by April 1st every contract will be working full force.

There is now, in the 6th Division, under the direction of M. S. Murray, Division Engineer, more than one million dollars of road work under construction, work which the above mentioned men have direct charge.

Dinner was served at the M. S. Murray home on North New Madrid St.

L. C. Erdmann, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee, and his associates are planning to start the membership drive with a banquet to be given Monday night April 4th—the place to be announced later.

The spread will not be elaborate, but one that will be thoroughly enjoyed. The Committee hints of entertainment features—unusual and sure to furnish an "honest to goodness good time." It is expected that no less than 350 people will attend and everyone is sure of a good time. The festivities will begin soon after six o'clock.

Mr. Roy S. Rauschkob of St. Louis has accepted the invitation of the Committee and will make the principal address of the evening. Mr. Rauschkob is well versed in organization work and has the unquestionable ability of stimulating men to greater efforts.

The Standard \$2.00 per year.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION (Sikeston District)

In compliance with the laws of Missouri notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of District No. 54 County of Scott, State of Missouri, that the Annual School Election of said District will be held at the four regular voting places in the four separate wards of the City of Sikeston on Tuesday, the 5th day of April, 1921, commencing at 6 o'clock in the forenoon and continuing until 7 o'clock in the afternoon, and, among other things specified by law, the following propositions will be proposed, considered and voted upon:

1. To elect two School Directors to serve for a period of three years.

2. To increase the levy for teachers and incidental purposes to \$1.00 on each \$100.00 assessed valuation of said School District.

3. To vote a levy of \$1.00 on each \$100.00 assessed valuation of said School District as a building fund for the purpose of repairing, furnishing, and maintaining school buildings in said District.

Done by order of the Board of Education on this, the 10th day of March, 1921.

R. E. BAILEY,
District Clerk.

March 18-25 April 1.

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Juanita, 48 lb. bag	\$2.57
Juanita, 24 lb. bag	\$1.31
Perfect Bake, 48 lb. bag	\$2.44
Perfect Bake, 24 lb. bag	\$1.23
Sugar, per 100 lbs.	\$9.50
Milk, large can	10c
Rice, per pound	5c
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New Stock Cigars

Niles & Moser	7c
Chancellor	12c
Hand Made	5c
Kellogg's Corn Flakes	12c

Easter Candies

New stock arriving daily. Prices a little lower.

The finest Sugar Cane Syrup made, per gallon \$1.35

Free

1 9-cup Aluminum Percolator with three lb. White's Delight coffee \$1.78

White Naptha soap	7c
Brown soap	4c

Special

Onion Sets, per gallon	10c
Best Peaberry coffee per pound	19c
Whites Delight coffee	27c
Puck coffee, the best	43c

Syrup

Red, one gallon	65c
One-half gallon	35c
Life-O-Wheat, similar to Cream of Wheat, per package	24c
Corn Kernels	15c
Tomatoes, per can	10c
Corn, per can	10c
Peas, 13c; 2 cans	25c
Bread, per loaf 8c; 2 for	15c
Creamery Butter, per lb.	54c

Car load Seed Oats, just received, per bushel

65c

MATTHEWS ITEMS

A. J. Rice came down from St. Louis Friday.

G. D. Steele went to St. Louis Monday on business.

Mrs. Louis Hunott went to Sikeston Thursday on business.

C. L. Yates spent the week-end at the Cape with his parents.

Roy Moore of Sikeston was in Matthews Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gardener went to New Madrid Saturday, shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Prouty were the guests of Mrs. Tenny Burch Sunday.

G. D. Steele was in New Madrid Saturday of last week to attend court.

G. F. Deane returned Friday from St. Louis, where he went on business.

Mrs. Bettie Shelton and small son shopped in Sikeston Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Ratcliffe and little son spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ratcliffe.

Mrs. A. J. Rice, of St. Louis, who is visiting here was a Sikeston visitor Thursday of last week.

Miss Madge Davis, teacher of Crow District, spent last week-end with her parents in Sikeston.

Mr. and Mrs. Pilaut and daughter Clara Belle, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Reed Sunday.

Clarence Stewart, James Hultz and Oscar Mainord motored to New Madrid Wednesday of last week.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Higgs Saturday, March 19th, and left a big girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Alville Fulkerson of La Forge were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Story Saturday night.

Miss Irene Loenneke spent the week-end in Jackson with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Loenneke.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Arnold and children motored down from Sikeston Saturday returning the same day.

Mrs. B. Forrest and baby returned Sunday from Sikeston, where she has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cox.

Misses Ruth Driskill and Virginia Westcoat of Oran motored down to Matthews with Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Matthews Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Deane and family, Mesdames Albert Deane, Sydney Mitchell, George Steele motored to New Madrid Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myer and little son returned Thursday from Sikeston, where they spent the week visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. George T aylor returned to her home in New Madrid Wednesday, after being the guest of her mother, Mrs. Ella Prouty for the past few days.

Mrs. Oscar Carroll attended the Home Missionary meeting at the home of Mrs. W. A. Finch at New Madrid Thursday and gave a reading in her usual superb style.

Mrs. Roy Owens of St. Louis, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Deane, went to Lillbourn Friday of last week for a few days visit with her mother, Mrs. Mattie Fox.

Messrs. W. B. Rossiter and James Collier were in Matthews Saturday. Mr. Collier purchased a new Oakland touring car from G. D. Steele, which he drove back to New Madrid that evening.

Quite a number of our young folks enjoyed a hayride to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gill Brooks, about six miles southeast of Matthews, where they were delightfully entertained by the Misses Brooks.

Miss Will A. Deane entertained her Sunday School Class of nineteen, the Legion of Honor, composed of young lads and lassies, with an old-time party. Candy making and pop corn popping were some of the evening's features. Misses Aleta Hill and Madge Arnold of Sikeston gave readings. Mrs. Roy Owens of St. Louis presided at the piano and entertained the young folks with a number of old-fashioned melodies.

Mrs. Mary Steele had at her beautiful home Sunday, a family gathering of her four children and seven grandchildren as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Matthews, and daughters Misses Marietta and Helen, sons Master Jackson and Moore Matthews of Oran, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Steele and daughter, Mary of New Madrid, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Steele and sons, George D. J., and John Chaney, of this city and Howard Steele.

The State Club Baseball and Track Teams have been formed and the contests between these clubs at the Chillicothe Business College have started. Soon the college teams will be selected and April 8th the heavy college schedule begins.

McMULLIN ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lewis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lewis.

Miss Marguerite Hinkle of Sikeston was the guest of Miss Effie Grant Sunday.

Leonard Vaughn and family and Mrs. Sophie Matthews spent the day with T. B. Stubblefield Sunday.

The Sunday School children will have an Easter egg hunt at the church Sunday afternoon, if the weather is favorable.

In some way T. B. Stubblefield's name was omitted from the list of the Board that attended the school meeting at Benton Saturday of last week. Our school board is composed of live energetic men, always working for the best interest of the school. Through the co-operation of the board our school has been most satisfactory to all concerned this year.

Our boys and men held a meeting at the school house Sunday afternoon to organize a baseball team. They were successful beyond their fondest dreams. Forty-five dollars was subscribed for equipment. The following men were chosen as officers: Messrs. Simpson, Lee, Smith, Stubblefield and Smith. It is said that a person's daily work is done better if they have some fun in which to spend their leisure time. Baseball is a splendid fad for any boy. There is more credit in co-operation with than independent of others. Now, let us all work together to put McMullin on the map in big letters this summer. It can be done. Let's give the boys a square deal, treat them like they are human beings, and they will stick to you through trials and tribulations.

Mrs. James Moeabee spent Wednesday with relatives in Morehouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fettingier and children are in Anna, Ill., for a 10-days' visit with relatives.

Mrs. E. W. Harrelson arrived home Wednesday from St. Louis accompanied by the two younger Harrelson children, who have been visiting several weeks, with relatives in that city.

On graduation from the Chillicothe Business College last week, Miss Pauline Nolin of Shelby was placed as stenographer for Missouri University. For years, the University has largely looked to Chillicothe's big business school for its office help.

The home of Mrs. Maude Cooper, 626 Wilson Ave., was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning about two o'clock, and but for the rain which had been falling steadily for several hours, nearby houses, of the same light frame construction, would also have been burned. The burned house was formerly the W. S. Hollingsworth property and was purchased a short time ago by Mrs. Cooper. The place was insured for \$800.

SPORTS AT THE TRAPS

The three professional shots, Bart Lewis, Art Killiam and O. C. Burroughs, who were expected here Tuesday for the second trap shoot of the Sikeston Gun Club, failed to put in appearance, owing to the disagreeable weather.

Members of the Club, however, were not afraid of a little rain, and a drop in temperature, and the shoot was held as per schedule with the following results:

First Squad
E. C. Matthews, 19 out of 25.
Dr. McClure, 18 out of 25.
Harry A. Smith, 13 out of 25.
Grover Baker, 10 out of 25.
Frank Van Horn, 4 out of 25.
Second Squad
Dr. McClure 17 out of 25.
E. C. Matthews, 17 out of 25.
Chas Prow, 13 out of 25.
W. H. Tanner, 10 out of 25.
Grover Baker, 10 out of 25.
Third Squad
Dan McCoy, 20 out of 25.
E. C. Matthews, 16 out of 25.
Harry Smith, 15 out of 25.
Dr. McClure, 11 out of 25.
Frank Van Horn, 7 out of 25.

The next shoot will be held Tuesday afternoon, March 29, at the Fair Grounds.

Jess Mayfield of Jackson was a Sikeston visitor Tuesday.

10-inch Columbia Phonograph records, 50c; 12-inch records, 75c.—Yanson, The Jeweler.

Mrs. Clay Farmer, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Turner, left Tuesday afternoon to join Mr. Farmer in Charleston, where he has accepted a position.

Patrons of the York school, Southeast of this city, are making plans for a Pie Supper to be given Friday night, April 1st. The affair is to be given to raise funds for the church in that community.

"All dressed up and nowhere to go" was truly the plight of Grover Baker, Wednesday, when he dolled up to go to St. Louis market with a car of cattle and, after having purchased a ticket, sold the car of cattle to Ed Pratt.

Mrs. Sallie Gaty departed Wednesday for Tennessee, where she will visit for an indefinite period. Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth and Miss Wootsen Inez accompanied Mrs. Gaty as far as Cairo, returning home that afternoon.

Tuesday afternoon, at her home on South Kingshighway, Miss Gladys Kendall entertained a few friends at bridge. Included among the guests were Mrs. T. A. Wilson, Mrs. Ranney Applegate, Mrs. Carl Bess, Mrs. C. D. Matthews Jr., Mrs. Loomis Mayfield, Mrs. Murray Klein, Mrs. Joe Stubbs Jr., Mrs. Marvin McMullin, Mrs. Will Sikes, Mrs. A. C. Sikes, Mrs. Arnold Roth, Miss Mayme Marshall and Miss Burnice Tanner.

HOGVILLE NEWS LETTER

Dag Smith has a large knot on his head all because he disagreed with Bill Hellwanger about a certain thing Saturday night.

Alexander Moseley's house caught fire Tuesday night and the family escaped in their night clothes, but fortunately no one saw them.

Hogville will soon have to have a new jail as the old one we have now has been broken open and cut out of so often that it is getting very much out of repair.

Zero Peck found a mighty nice clay pipe yesterday, but as usual, the owner came along and claimed it. Zero says little good it is for him to find anything.

Dag Smith, who whistles in his sleep, has been ordered by Zero Peck a next door neighbor, to quit it. Dag is not afraid of Zero and will not quit it is believed.

The assistant Constable is having a celebrated moonshiner make him a barrel of white whisky to be used subject to the action of the democratic party in the primary this summer.

Gape Allsop, who for a long time has had an unknown correspondent, sent her his picture more than a month ago, and has not heard from her since. Gape cannot understand this, though several others think they can.

Dag Smith almost broke up the sermon at Bear Ford Sunday by coming in late and waiting until he got inside the church to stamp the mud off his feet. The preacher reprimanded him and told him he must come across the field and keep out of the mud.

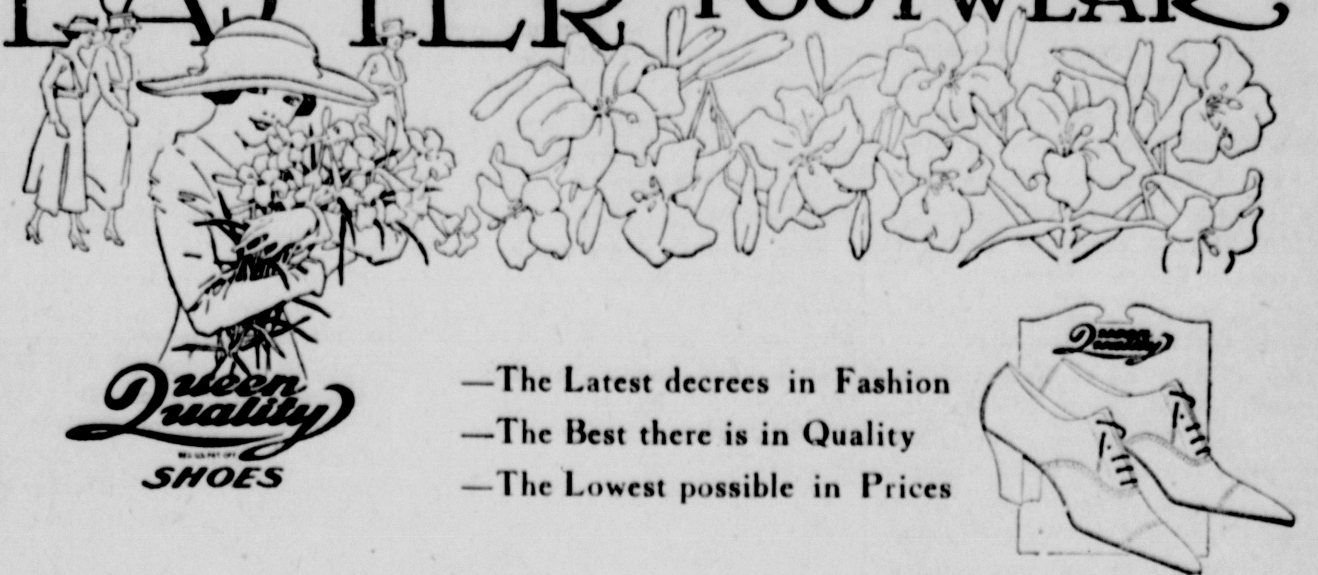
A petition is being circulated asking that the salary of the Bear Ford Preacher be raised. The Old Miser is expected to oppose this, and if it is presented to him at all for his signature, it will be done last, as they do not care to develop the unnecessary opposition.

Gape Allsop, who ordered a new watch from somewhere away off, has received it, and instead of winding with a key it's one of these newfangled stem-winding affairs and is attracting no little attention in Hogville. The Postmaster, who has always had a great deal of annoyance over losing his watch key, wonder why some fool did not think of this new arrangement for winding a watch years ago.

Mrs. Harry C. Blanton and little Miss Rosemary left Tuesday for a short visit with Mrs. Blanton's parents in Bay City, Michigan.

In order that she may attend the Boston High School, a special dispensation has been granted to Princess Mahidol Songkla, wife of Prince Songkla, half brother of the King of Siam.

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27 Bred Sows, 3 Boars

These sows are sired by the best boars of the breed. They are by such boars as Big Joe (Giantess bred), Big Bone Wonder, Huebner's Bob Wonder, Premier's Surprise, Liberator 2d, Big Cora's Bob, Giant Wonder, Big Bob W. They are bred to the following boars: Liberator 2d, Premier's Surprise, The Convoy, and Giant Liberator.

In these times of plenty feed every farmer should own one or more pure bred sows. Sows of the caliber we are offering in this sale will be hard to find in a year from today, and at that time they will bring twice the money they are commanding at this time. This will afford every farmer an opportunity to get the best there is at the lowest possible price, and on terms that can be met without difficulty.

Sale Will Be Held at the Harper & Wallace Farm, One Mile North of Bertrand, Mo., Saturday, March 26

TERMS: 6 per cent discount for cash. Eight months' time given on approved notes, drawing eight per cent interest.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

Mrs. M. F. Ehlers is spending the week in Sikeston.

T. A. Lee of Portageville was in New Madrid Monday.

Prof. J. M. Irby of Lilbourn visited the County Seat Saturday.

Mrs. Horrell Townsend visited relatives in Lilbourn Friday.

R. L. Simmons made a business trip to Portageville Saturday.

Robert Aldridge of Morehouse was a New Madrid visitor Tuesday.

Herman Walker of Portageville visited at the County Seat Friday.

Supt. P. J. Stearns of Lilbourn made a trip to New Madrid Sunday.

Sam Pikey and his son Charlie spent several hours in our city Monday.

Presiding Judge L. M. Sarff left Tuesday night for St. Louis on business.

Rev. B. E. Kesler of Matthews was a business visitor at New Madrid Saturday.

W. A. Singleton at Catron was a business visitor in New Madrid Saturday.

Mrs. Jennie Mitchell left Saturday on a visit to her son, Val Mitchell of Maljen.

Percy Mott of Blytheville, Ark., was a business visitor in New Madrid Monday.

J. F. Cox and E. J. Keith of Sikeston attended County Court in New Madrid Tuesday.

Junot Purell of the Conran neighborhood was a caller at the Court House Saturday.

Geo. D. Steele, assistant cashier of Bank of Matthews, was in New Madrid on business Saturday.

Lee Willett of Caruthersville spent several hours in New Madrid Wednesday visiting relative.

Rev. M. L. Eaves left Monday noon for Chaffee to attend a call meeting of the Potose Presbytery.

A pipe organ has just recently been installed in the Catholic church. A gift from Mrs. L. A. Lewis.

Attorney Valentine Perkins of Lilbourn was in New Madrid Saturday, looking after legal matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Feinstein of Portageville were guests of Mrs. Louis Shainberg last Thursday.

J. W. Beale, stationery man of St. Louis was visiting his regular customers in New Madrid Monday.

Mrs. Alvina Owens of Cape Girardeau arrived Thursday, on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Jos. F. Gordon.

Mrs. John Q. Stevens returned home Monday from a visit to relatives at Glen Allen, Bollinger County.

E. W. Goodson of Cape Girardeau arrived last week on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. O. A. Bowers of this city.

Mrs. Ambrose Kerr and two daughters, Misses Irene and Mildred spent the week-end in Parma, guests of friends.

Judge and Mrs. W. L. Stacy of Sikeston motored to our city Friday and spent the day with relatives and friends.

Lee C. Phillips, Real Estate dealer returned Saturday from St. Louis, where he spent the week transacting business.

Misses Anna and Eva Barkovite of Portageville visited the families of M. Frankie and Louis Shainberg this past week.

Miss Bessie Murphy, one of our public school teachers, spent the week-end in St. Louis, visiting relatives, leaving here Thursday night and returning Monday morning in time to resume her school duties.

Lynn Newsum left with his family for Cairo Sunday, where he will take charge of and operate the Colonial Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. June C. St. Mary and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Newsum motored to Caruthersville Friday on a shopping trip.

Miss Annie Howard made a business trip to Cairo Monday in the interest of the Howard & Dawson Millinery store.

Miss Gladys Ransburgh's application to enter Barnes' Hospital, St. Louis, for training next May, has been accepted.

Mrs. A. W. Ingram, after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Clay Mitchell, returned Monday to her home in Chaffee.

Mrs. Margaret De Lisle and Miss Stella De Lisle of Portageville were in our city Monday looking after business and visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Riley and little daughters, Harriet Anna and "Billie Lou" of Lilbourn were visitors at the Davis B. Riley resident Sunday.

Misses Geraldine DeLisle and Marguerite Riley spent the week-end in Portageville, guests of Miss De Lisle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. De Lisle.

Jos. F. Gordon, truant officer, visited Morehouse, Parma, Tallapoosa and quite a number of other schools this past week and found them doing nicely.

Mrs. June C. St. Mary was hostess for the Bridge Club Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Robert L. Simmons scoring highest received a bottle of toilet water. A dainty lunch was served.

Charles Wright of Lilbourn was tried Saturday at the court house before Probation Officer, R. M. Carter, for the non-compliance of the compulsory school law and was fined \$10.

E. L. Griffin, Harry Himmelberger, Dr. Pease and Thos. G. Blackwell of Morehouse spent several hours in New Madrid, looking after business, being interested in the road proposition.

Wash D. Howard is erecting an up-to-date 9-room bungalow on Kings-highway just within the city limits between what is known as the Richard J. Water's Place and the L. B. Howard home place.

Harry C. Hensley, County Farm Agent, left Saturday noon for St. Louis on a business trip, en route home. He stopped over at Sikeston Tuesday and attended a meeting of the Farm Bureau in that city.

Morris Frankie returned the latter part of the week from a ten-days' business trip to St. Louis, stopping over in St. Charles, Cape Girardeau and Poplar Bluff, visiting his sister, Mrs. Herman Wolfson at Puxico.

Rev. A. C. Gale of East Prairie supplied the pulpit at the Methodist Church Sunday morning and evening in the absence of the local pastor, Rev. O. A. Bowers, who is assisting in a protracted meeting at East Prairie.

W. D. Lonergan Construction Co. of this City was awarded Federal Project No. 40, the Portageville road for \$257,199.32 and Manegold Company of St. Louis was awarded Fed. Proj. No. 120, Morehouse road for \$70,262.52.

Mrs. Ambrose Kerr entertained with a very pretty informal dinner last Friday complimentary to Mrs. Harbour of Tiffin, Ohio. Covers were laid for Mesdames Corwin H. Post, Dr. Blackman and daughter, Miss Catherine all of Parma.

W. S. Korn left Tuesday for Paragould, Ark., to resume his duties as conductor on the branch line of the Cotton Belt running from Paragould to Blytheville. Mr. Korn was very much indisposed and remained at home several weeks to recuperate.

Mrs. Louis Shainberg returned Thursday from Memphis, Tenn., where she visited her husband, who

is in the Baptist Memorial Hospital being treated for Seicatic rheumatism, and is under the care of a special nurse. He is doing very nicely at present.

The case of Thos. Curneal of Stoddard county, plaintiff, vs. Geo. D. Steele of Matthews, defendant, for the settlements of some accounts, was brought before Jos. F. Gordon, Justice of the Peace, last Saturday, March 19th, but was dismissed by the Court as having no jurisdiction.

Among the representatives of the many Construction companies and bridge companies who attended County Court in New Madrid Tuesday were Mr. Mickey of the Vincennes Bridge Company of Vincennes, Ind., and E. S. Kelley of the Kelley Construction Company of Eureka Springs, Ark.

Miss Hilma Royer entertained a number of her friends last Thursday evening complimentary to Miss Katie Hampton of St. Louis. The time was very pleasantly spent in playing games and dancing. An elaborate luncheon of chicken salad, sandwiches, pickles, cake and hot chocolate was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Sharp and little sons Garwood and Val, accompanied by Miss Bernice Allison motored to Portageville Sunday and spent the day. Mr. Sharp looked after business matters in Pemiscot county, the ladies visiting the Mitchell Meattie family. They were accompanied home by Miss Mary Meattie.

The administrator's sale by T. B. Crow, Public Admin., of the house and lot of Mrs. Mary McDowell, deceased, fronting 40 ft. on Powell Ave. with a depth of 210 ft. was auctioned off at the Court House door at 2 p. m. Monday by City Marshal L. A. Richards, for the sum of \$1200. Dr. Geo. W. Dawson being the purchaser.

73.40 acres of land, that portion of S½ of NE¼ sec. 24, twp. 22 range 11, lying east of right-of-way of San Francisco Ry., belonging to Geo. W. Elderbrook of Matthews, was sold at front door of Court House Monday by Trustee Geo. H. Traylor. The New Madrid Realty & Investment Co. became the purchasers, for the sum of \$500.00.

Miss Lillian Dawson entertained with a Bridge party last Saturday afternoon at her suburban home in the north end of town. There were two tables of guests. Mrs. Milton Mann was presented with a fudge apron for her successful playing.

Mrs. Hubert D. Russell of Chicago, received the guest's prize, an Angel Food cake. A delicious salad luncheon was served.

It was hard for the Judges, however, who were Mrs. E. E. Reeves and Matt J. Conran and Allen Henry, to

decide, as they would like to have given each one a prize, but after due consideration, the first prize, a lovely cake, was given to Morris Frankie. The second prize, a box of home-made candy, was presented to Miss Begetta Mienalke; third, Little Folks Prize, a ball, was given to Master Val Sharp, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Sharp. The fourth prize, a box of stationery was awarded to Miss Alice Berryman. The guests were then requested to unmask, after which a very delicious cafeteria luncheon of salads, sandwiches, and coffee was served, in which the notif of St. Patrick was carried out. The proceeds netted to about \$47.00.

R. A. Laughlin, Scout Master, took the Scouts out on a camping trip at the "Washout" from Saturday afternoon until Sunday morning. There were 22 in number. The Beaver Patrol under Burwin McCully; Wolf Patrol under Willett Raddt and Eagle Patrol under Lee Smalley. They made the trip afoot—walking for 25 minutes, than a rest of 5 minutes, a rest of 10 minutes in one hour, as per one of the Scout rules. Three boys would keep watch for 2 hours, they being relieved by three more and so on through the night. This was done to keep order and keep the camp fires going and to see that everything was right. Mr. Laughlin taught them things that were required to make good Scouts, and they were under perfect discipline all the time.

Mrs. James A. Finch was hostess for the Women's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church last Thursday evening at her Palatial Home on Scott Street. The house was adorned with beautiful spring flowers and the St. Patrick motif was carried out in the decorations and confections. A very interesting program had been prepared by Mrs. F. F. Henry. Instrumental duets by Misses Frances Richards and Coretta Pharris and Misses Alice Berryman and Susie Shelby, readings were given by Mrs. Carroll of Matthews and Mrs. John E. Riley. Mesdames Roy H. Long, L. H. Moore, E. E. Reeves and W. T. Royer read appropriate poems. There were contests and other amusements that were in accordance with St. Patrick's Day. An elegant luncheon of St. Patrick ice cream, Angel Food cake, coffee and green and white mints were served.

"St. Patrick's Day in the Evening" was well celebrated last Thursday evening with a masked "Tacky Party" at the Hotel Hamilton. The event was given under the supervision and management of the Ladies' Auxillary of the Presbyterian Church. The hallway and dining room were packed with masked and unmasked guests, the former being arrayed in most com-

ical and ridiculous costumes, evidencing that much care and attention had been exercised in their style of dress. Mr. and Mrs. Jos. F. Gordon wore their wedding costumes of 25 years ago. Mrs. Gordon wearing a close-fitting white dress with veil en train, carrying a bouquet of Lillies of the Valley, led the march, which they apparently tried to keep step to piano music. Much merriment was had when each one was presented with typewritten line or two of the old-time melody such as "Auld Lang Syne", "Comin' thro the Rye", "Old Oaken Bucket", "Star Spangled Banner", "America," etc., and who, when called upon, responded in his or her squeaky, disguised voice.

The School Improvement Association met at the Public School building last Friday evening. The meeting being called to order by its president, M. L. Eaves. A short, but able program had been prepared. A reading, "The Death Disk", by Miss Elsie Burkett, an instrumental duet by Misses Frances Richards and Susie Shelby, vocal duet by Mesdames Jas. A. Finch and Albert O. Allen Jr.

A goodly number of teachers and patrons were present, showing a wide-awake interest in the needs of the school.

Plans were very ably discussed for the erection of a new public school building. The school board ordered that at the annual school election next April to vote for the issuing of bonds to the amount of \$23,000.00. The School Improvement Association is very much interested and enthused over the matter and appointed Rev. M. L. Eaves chairman to assist in pushing the plans through. It is hoped that the citizens of our community will realize that a good public school is the most needed essentials of all institutions, whereby the poor children can acquire an education that will be the means of uplifting many, and enable them to earn a livelihood. Let's get the school spirit and vote for the bond issue.

The School Improvement Association have purchased a very fine stereopticon machine which was approved by the Board.

County Court Proceedings.

February term of court met March 22nd, 1921. Present: Presiding Judge L. M. Sarff, W. W. Largent, sheriff, Ambrose Kerr and Clerk C. L. V. Jones.

In matter D. C. Henry school loan ordered satisfied.

Bond of H. C. LaPlant overseer Road District No. 18, approved.

Bond of Harvie Colborn, overseer Road District No. 19, approved.

Bond Jno. Gullion, overseer Road District No. 3, approved.

Bill of Ed Wright pub. financial statement N. M. Co. \$384.00

Bill of Ed Wright Sup. Co. Supt. Co. School \$6.50

Ambrose Kerr fees. \$111.60

School loan Philo LeSieur, Sr., approved to Pros. Atty. approval of abstract sum of \$450.00.

Bill of W. W. Largent drugs to Co. Farm \$21.79

Bill of Central State contract Reporter Pub. Dr. notice. \$63.00

Blackwell-Welland Furniture C. H. \$197.50

T. E. Baker build dump approach at bridge ditch (P'ville) No. 29 \$269.00

Thos. E. Baker, cow for Co. Farm \$65.00

Court ordered that reward of \$100.00 be paid upon arrest and conviction of Floyd Burk and Thurman Caudle.

Bill Commercial Trust Co., frgt. on gravel \$3401.39

W. W. Largent, per diem. \$15.00

L. M. Sarff, per diem. \$20.00

Frisco Ry. Co., freight on gravel \$44.78

Weekly Record Pub. and prtg. road notice \$45.50

Project No. 40.

Bill of Newell Const. Co., rejected account freight rates, weights, etc.

Bid W. D. Lonergan was awarded contract to be made to said W. D. Lonergan.

Bid of Kelly Const. Co., irregular account contingencies.

In matter Fed. Proj. 40 and 120.

Bids were received on this day.

Representing the State Highway Board, Mr. Kirk McFarland 2nd Assistant Eng. M. S. Murray, Div. Eng. Upon statement made and upon recommendation of Drs. O'Bannon & McKinney, P. P. Brogdon, ordered held for observation for thirty days.

Bids: Federal Proj. No. 40

Lewis Rich, Const. Co. \$270206.34

M. E. Gillios \$274774.09

W. D. Lonergan Const. Co. \$257199.32

Bids: Federal Proj. No. 120

Unit Const. Co. \$80,325.30

General Const. Co. \$70,334.35

Albert Creek \$70,549.16

Frazier Davis Const. Co. \$73,694.25

W. D. Lonerrgan Const. Co. \$80,651.80

M. E. Gillios \$70,334.35

Manegold Co. \$70,262.52

Bid of E. S. Kelly disregarded account of contingencies attached.

Court adjourned to meet first Monday in April, 1921.

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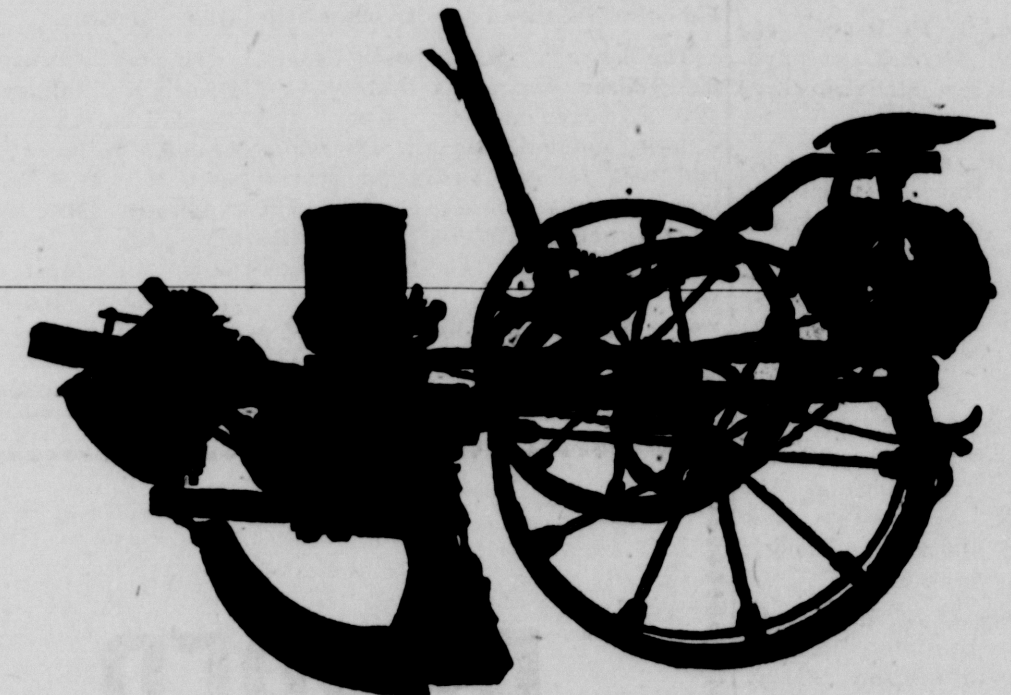
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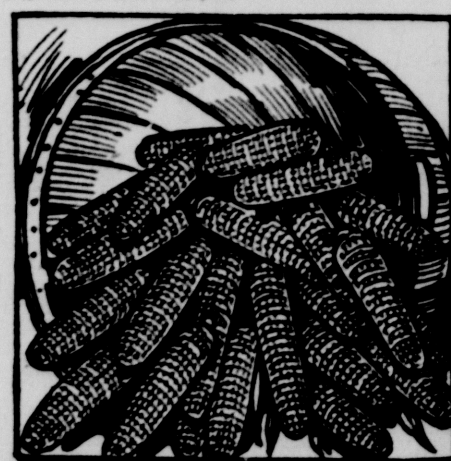
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